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**Welsh day of destiny
in battle for No1 spot**

BACK PAGE COMMENT by DON JOHN

Cowbridge on the Run takes place this Sunday!

COWBRIDGE On The Run in aid of Cancer Research UK takes place this Sunday, October 11 – and everybody is invited to take part.

Participants can run or walk the course in what promises to be a great fun event. On the town rugby club site there will be stalls and entertainment for the whole family to enjoy – with a bouncy castle, face painting, 'splat-the-rat' and also Belgian waffles, and pizzas!

Organiser, Anne Birt, said: "Waitrose has also kindly sponsored the run with at least 150 bottles of

water and the same quantity of bananas! It is extremely generous and public spirited of them."

Registration starts at 9am if done on the day. The 5km and 10km runs will begin at 10am.

Teams (whether from businesses, local organisations or sports clubs) and individuals are both welcome.

Registration online is £10 up until Friday, October 9. Only 'on the day registration' (cost £15) is available after that. Sponsorship forms can be downloaded at:

www.cancerresearchuk.org/support-us/find-an-event/Cowbridge-on-the-run-2015.

PENDOYLAN VILLAGE JOINS THE LIFESAVING DEFIBRILLATOR 'CLUB'



Pendoylan villagers now have a defibrillator – courtesy of the charity Welsh Hearts.

THE villagers of Pendoylan have become the latest recipients of a heart defibrillator machine, in collaboration with the charity Welsh Hearts.

After a demonstration at the school of how to apply cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to a dummy, the presentation took place at the church, where the machine will be kept available at all times in the porch.

The Welsh Hearts' Saving Lives projects are supported by a medical team of 200 doctors, nurses, paramedics and first responders, who give up their spare time to support the work.

Sharon Owen, the charity director,

said: "In Wales, there are approximately 8,000 sudden cardiac arrests away from a hospital each year. It's shocking that the survival rate is only 3 per cent.

"Where an AED or defibrillator is used, the survival rate is 47 per cent. Unfortunately, there are not enough defibrillators in Wales or trained people to give victims the best chance of survival during those first few critical minutes.

"With access to more defibrillators, we can provide a vital link in the chain of survival so that even more lives can be saved throughout Wales.

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Vote means car parking charges stay on agenda

A Plaid Cymru motion to scrap town centre car park charges was defeated by just one vote last week, as the Vale Council voted by 23 votes to 22 to hold a review of the proposals.

As a result, the Vale Council will be continuing to look at options that could enable a flexible pricing policy to be put in place, including an initial free period that would discourage all-day parking but encourage shoppers.

A Vale Council spokesman told The GEM that the possibility of using automatic number plate recognition systems was also being considered, as this could cut costs related to enforcing any charges that were introduced.

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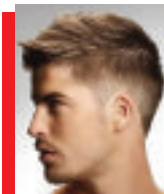
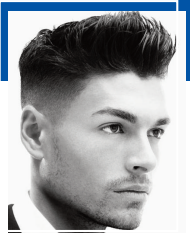
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'I have dealt with fatalities at danger junction'

I WISH to add my endorsement to the comments made recently by Anne Gibson and Heather Sawyer regarding the highly dangerous junction at the St Athan crossroads.

I live right on the junction and being retired, am able to monitor what goes on daily.

I have personally dealt with two of the fatalities which is not an experience I would wish anyone to endure.

With regard to the speed issue, I totally agree; the majority of those going slowly are about to turn left or right, anyway.

Can anyone explain why further down the B4265 at the village of Wick with its spacious road layout, the speed limit is 30mph?

Michael Clogg insists that the \$106 (surely a misprint) given by Jehu developers (they told me it was £46,000 with

matched council funding), solved the problems.

It most definitely has not, and was a total waste of money.

They removed the concrete bollards, which at least gave a small element of protection to pedestrians and replaced them with two skinny metal lamp-posts as the previously published photograph shows.

One highly significant point that no-one seems to have realised; this is the only crossroad/junction on the B4265 between Cardiff and Bridgend that does not have the safety

benefits of either traffic lights or a roundabout!

Please give the traffic lights and 30mph speed limits before any more accidents, or God forbid, fatalities occur.

Richard Cooper, Gileston.

GEM NOTE: Mr Clogg referred to '\$106 contributions', meaning Section 106, and not a dollar sign!

A Pound Shop for Cowbridge?

I'M sure I am not the only one saddened by the sight of vacant shops on Cowbridge High Street, many forced to close no doubt due to economic pressures put on them, from rents and consumer trends.

Does anyone else share my opinion that it would be lovely to see a Pound Shop occupying one of these vacant premises, offering a variety of goods – from children's toys and confectionery to household utensils and clothing as an alternative to the often overpriced offerings from the more established High Street shops, while also attracting the thrifter visitor to our town?

Stephen Evans, Ystradowen.

Harvest winner!

I SHOULD just like to thank you for the insert in last week's GEM re the Harvest Lunch we held for the charity Mary's Meals.

The event raised £220 (with more to come by means of donations) which is a good result, especially so as we are all now competing with the Rugby World Cup, which tends to keep lots of folk 'glued' to their TV sets!

So, thank you; the publicity really helps.

Ann Bryant (Church Warden)

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'The part-night street lighting follows £25m cuts in council budget'

I AM writing in response to the letter from Barrie V Evans, published in The GEM on September 24, entitled 'The street lighting cuts in the Vale are an absolute farce'.

The council's decision to introduce part-night lighting has been made as a result of budget cuts of at least £25m over the next three years, ever-increasing energy costs for street lighting, and the council's need to reduce its carbon emissions.

The Vale Council has undertaken significant work in the planning and implementation of part-night lighting to address these challenges and it is regrettable that certain individuals are intent on denigrating both the council, and its hard working staff, who are on the frontline delivering excellent services to the community.

It is anticipated that part-night lighting will eventually see some 70 per cent of the council's existing non-LED lighting stock turned off between 12 midnight

and 6am. The timing of part-night lighting has been carefully considered to minimise the impact on Vale residents and will not affect schoolchildren or school opening and closing times.

Furthermore, significant consideration has been given to ensuring the part-night lighting strategy is implemented safely. Indeed a Part-Night Lighting Project Board was established earlier this year to do just this.

The board comprised key stakeholders, including South Wales Police, the Safer Vale Partnership, road safety officers, and chartered engineers.

This group devised risk assessment criteria and methodology to determine which lights could be safely turned off and roads were assessed before the rollout across the council's highway network began.

Part-night lighting is still being implemented. This process commenced at the beginning of this summer and significant progress has been made through Penarth, Llandough, Barry and Rhosee.

Work is ongoing to extend part-night lighting to the rural

Vale, as well as other sites and locations under council ownership or control.

LED street lamps will initially be exempt from part-night lighting as they already provide a recognised energy cost saving to the council.

Long-term, the council's strategy is to change all non-LED lights to LED. However, this can only be done as appropriate funding becomes available.

The part-night lighting scheme shows that the Vale of Glamorgan Council is intent on addressing the unprecedented budgetary pressures it is facing both now and in future years; and that it is taking all practicable and reasonable steps to ensure that changes to services are implemented, with the minimal inconvenience and impact to residents and visitors.

Full details of the part-night lighting scheme are available at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

I hope this clarifies the council's position.
Coun Gwyn John
(Vale cabinet member for visible services and leisure)

'Apologise to the refugees'

SO the Labour Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan has apologised for putting out inappropriate posts on social media.

Of course, some people may find this offensive and have every right to complain to the council's standards committee and I have to agree, especially over the refugee crisis remarks.

Much of this material is extremely offensive and it's hard to believe the Vale of Glamorgan's mayor thinks it's appropriate to share online.

His attitude towards the refugee crisis in posts is shameful and he should unreservedly apologise for offence caused.

Not only has this Labour councillor seen fit to ridicule refugees,

he also mocks Barry in the process – a town in which he's the mayor. Coun Johnson should be speaking up for communities there – not poking fun at them.

Furthermore, I was taken to the standards committee early in the year for accidentally reposting a tweet of a woman leant over a photocopier, showing 6" of back flesh, by a senior Labour cabinet member, Lis Burnett.

She made a huge fuss at the time and I wonder if she is going to make the same amount of fuss over a member of her own group and party?

I certainly hope there is not going to be one rule for one group and another rule for another group, especially when Labour claim to be the party of fairness!

Coun Richard Bertin,
Independent, Vale of Glamorgan Council.

'Don't forget US – the bus users!'

I HAVE much sympathy for our readers who complain about the forthcoming car parking charges in Barry.

However, there is another group of the travelling public who also have a grievance: I refer to those of us who get around by bus.

My complaint, and I believe I speak for many others, is having to wait for a bus in a shelter looking like something left over from the industrial revolution.

These old shelters are the ones that don't carry adverts. They are fitted with dirty plastic windows, that are never cleaned and never changed.

Timetables, where they exist, are written in micro print and for some unknown reason, return times are never given. If

you want to go to Cardiff, you can't find out the time a bus returns until you get there.

Readers will know that last August, it was announced that the central bus station in Cardiff was closing. No information was given in Barry as to where the new departure point was going to be; in fact, it's now in Westgate Street!

I hope that those responsible for this lack of co-ordination are not going to reply that information on bus timetables is available online – for this is to assume (wrongly) that the whole travelling public are online – and this is not the case.

It makes you wonder if those who oversee bus shelters and timetables ever use a bus?

I doubt it!
David Lloyd,
Barry.

'Councillors watching rugby during debate was conduct unbecoming'

ON Thursday, October 1, I sat in the public gallery of the Vale Council chamber. I was supporting residents' objections to the plans for social housing by building 50-plus flats and houses in a two-block radius in

Woodlands Road, Barry – thus increasing the number of houses from 100 to 157.

Woodlands Road continually suffers from a distinct lack of parking spaces on an already busy road.

Also, the proposed flats on the corner of Belmont Street were, by design, set to tower over existing houses in the road.

Having already presented our objections to the Barry Town Council, who in turn had agreed with the issues of parking and height of build, I was very interested to see the Vale's response.

However, what I was not expecting, considering the impact of their decision, was the way the councillors conducted themselves. During residents' speeches, several

members continued their whispered conversations throughout and, to my horror, two councillors sat watching the rugby on their phones – in full view of people in the public gallery.

Despite my obvious disappointment at the council's acceptance of this planning proposal, I was more angry and frustrated with the way members conducted themselves on this occasion.

They are representatives of the people of Barry, yet despite being paid for this honour, their conduct during this time was both unacceptable and inappropriate.

The whole meeting felt like a pre-rehearsed scenario, with residents only being invited as a token gesture, and councillors showing total disregard for all 250-plus objection letters received.

Chris Bendell,
Barry

EDITOR'S NOTE

We welcome readers' letters, but please remember to supply your FULL contact details – name, address, and telephone number etc.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL OCTOBER 15)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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09 Fri	04.59	8.3	17.22	8.7
10 Sat	05.45	8.8	17.59	9.2
11 Sun	06.23	9.3	18.36	9.5
12 Mon	06.54	9.7	19.11	9.8
13 Tues	07.27	9.8	19.41	9.8
14 Wed	07.58	9.7	20.11	9.7
15 Thur	08.28	9.8	20.43	9.6

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Looking back on busy (and not so busy!) times

AUGUST being traditionally a quiet month, it lived up to its reputation; following the hurly burly of June and July, I must confess we were grateful for the slow down, with only one extra planning committee meeting at the end of July, and no committee or full council meetings in August.

Yet again, another successful coffee morning was held on August 1 in aid of my chosen charities. I would like to thank all those who attended and kindly donated cakes.

On August 12, the Mayoress and I attended the Vale Show, which once again was a tremendous success, blessed with fine weather ensuring an excellent attendance.

We arrived early and were able to visit many of the sites and displays, and were very impressed by the number of stands and displays, as well as the diversity.

As Mayor and honorary vice-president, following our tour of the showground we began the afternoon with the president's welcoming reception. This was followed rapidly by the president's lunch, both of which were first class, then later in the afternoon we were guests of the Mayor of the Vale for afternoon tea.

It would be remiss of me if I were not to congratulate the president Dr Peter Beck, the show chairman, Mrs Elizabeth Synan, general secretary, Sarah

COWBRIDGE MAYOR'S DIARY

by Coun David Morris

Fenner and all of those who, far too numerous to mention, were involved in the planning and running of this absolutely outstanding event of which the whole of the Vale should be justifiably proud.

On Saturday, August 22 we hosted our first major fundraising event, a murder mystery night at the town hall, which was attended by 55 guests, who were treated to an excellent buffet and an evening of 'who done it'.

I am pleased to say that the evening raised just over £1,300 – this was due in no small part to the generosity on the night with the purchasing of raffle tickets.

My thanks must also go to all the businesses who very generously donated prizes.

On Wednesday evening, September 2, the Mayoress and I attended the opening of the Wick Group of Artists' autumn exhibition in the Old Hall, Cowbridge, which once again demonstrated the wealth of talent, only in Cowbridge, but in the wider Vale.

Saturday, September 5 was once again a coffee morning – sadly, Lorraine, the Mayoress, was unavailable due to a previous engagement, but the day was saved by Dr Cecilia Hannigan-Davies, who is the wife of the CEO of the Motivation



ABOVE: The Mayor and Mayoress with Callum McGlaughlin and Kelly Steward, of the Motivation and Learning Trust, at a recent coffee morning.

Learning Trust, volunteering to step in and lend a helping hand; huge thank you Cecilia.

Once again, we had the pleasure of accepting an invitation from Cowbridge Comprehensive School to attend their formal sport presentation evening highlighting the skills, achievements and talents of their sportsmen and women which range through every age group, a huge congratulations to all.

On Sunday, September 13, the Mayoress and I attended the Civic Service of the Mayor of Llantwit Major, held at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major, which was followed by a reception at the town hall.

The following Thursday, we attended MoD St Athan's annual cocktail reception, attended by many dignitaries from both the Vale and Cardiff.

On September 23, I was invited to the Senedd in Cardiff Bay, for a series of presentations and demonstrations given by

students from the Motivational Preparation College for Training.

The following evening, I was once again back at the Senedd, this time for a concert given by the winners of the Music in the Vale competition, held to promote talented young musicians in Wales in their chosen field.

On September 25, the Mayoress took part in the Mayor of the Vale's charity golf day at Cottrell Park golf club, after which I joined her for the charity supper again at Cottrell Park.

On Friday, September 30, the Mayoress and I attended the collation and induction of Reverend Stephen Adams as Rector of the Rectorial Benefice of Cowbridge by the most Reverend Dr Barry Morgan, Archbishop of Wales. We wish

Stephen a long and happy stay here with us in Cowbridge.

While the plight of Darren Farm still rattles on, the good news is, although it will be at the eastern end of town, we will be getting the Post Office back in time for Christmas – not before time I hear you say!

Dates for your diary

Sunday, November Remembrance Day: forming up at the War Memorial outside the Town Hall at 10.45am, before parading up to Holy Cross Church; return to the memorial on conclusion of the service.

Wednesday, November 11, a short service will be held at the War Memorial, commencing at 11am to commemorate the 11th hour which marks the cessation of hostilities of World War One. All are welcome.

New Rector begins 'tour de Cowbridge'

THE Rev Stephen Adams is leaving the classroom behind as he returns to parish ministry as the new Rector of Cowbridge.

Stephen, the former Dean of Ministry Development at St Michael's College, Llandaff, was licensed at Holy Cross Parish Church in Cowbridge on Wednesday, September 30.

The keen cyclist aims to be a familiar sight around the parish on his bike for trips to church, to visit parishioners and to attend events whenever possible.

"It's quicker than walking but it still enables you to be visible in the parish," explained Stephen, who takes over as Rector from Canon Derek Belcher, who retired in March after 14 years in Cowbridge.

"I am looking forward to returning to parish ministry and think that being a parish priest is the best job in the world. I have felt a deep sense of God's call in taking up the post of Rector of Cowbridge."

"There is much to do and the most important thing will be working together and experiencing God's love within these communities," said Stephen, 58, who is married to Amy and has four grown up children and three grandchildren.

The Archbishop of Wales, Dr Barry Morgan, who licensed Stephen said: "Stephen is an experienced parish priest and has previously been an incumbent and area dean in England, as well as being a Provincial Ministry Officer in Wales. He will bring that experience and his many gifts to the Rectorial Parish of Cowbridge."

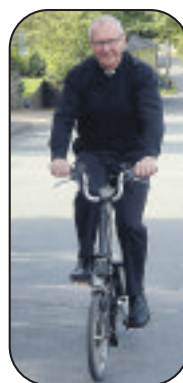
READER'S VIEW...

Merits in staying put!

OK, Darren Farm, or preferably Llandow Newydd, may be needed to house natural population growth and immigrants; however, it is often asserted as a self-evident fact that settlements must either grow or die.

Why should this be? Will people stop visiting the High Street if houses are not built at Beggar's Bush?

St Hilary and Llantrithyd have not had any significant house building for years, but people still live there. R Bradshaw, Cowbridge.



On his bike...Rev Stephen Adams

contributed to the life of the college as a lecturer.

Originally from south Wales, Stephen spent his early career as a geologist in the oil industry, which included a time in Dallas, Texas, before he switched career paths and was ordained a deacon in 1987.

He served two curacies in Swansea before moving to Northamptonshire, where he served as Vicar to five rural parishes near Daventry. In 1997, he was appointed Rector of Abington and later Rural Dean of Northampton before returning to Wales in 2006.

During his time at St Michael's, Stephen has been learning Welsh and is currently working on a part-time professional doctorate with the focus of his research being on the practice of collaborative ministry – something which he hopes will be of practical relevance in Cowbridge.

A keen cyclist, he completed a 450-mile charity pilgrimage to each of the six Welsh cathedrals in 2014 and, with Amy on their tandem, the French 'end to end', from Calais to Narbonne, in 2013.

Library quiz night

Friends of Cowbridge library are holding a quiz night there on Wednesday, October 14 from 7pm-9pm. The cost is £2 per person, or £10 for a team of six; individuals and teams welcome. Booking required – call Cowbridge library on 01446 773941.



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CLUB'S SAD FAREWELL
ON Thursday, October 1, the Young at Heart Club closed to enable members to attend the funeral of Norma Elizabeth Newman, which took place at the Mid Glamorgan Crematorium, Coychurch.

Norma had been a member of the club for many years, always taking an active part in the various activities. She was born at St Mary Hill and was a former pupil at Llangan School.

Although having lived in various parts of the Vale, her heart lay at St Mary Hill. Our thoughts at this unhappy time are with Norma's husband Bob, and their children, Diane, Philip and Robert.

Donations in memory of Norma may be made to Cancer Research Wales c/o Funeral Directors Mel and Ron Watkins, 12 Pentwyn Road, Pencoeed, CF35 6SB.

LLANGAN SCHOOL

ON Wednesday, October 14, years 1-2 pupils will be going off to Cardiff Castle for a school trip.

HALF TERM
LLANGAN and St Mary Hill Hall: Llangan Goes Wild; Animazone UK, £3 per child, adults free.

Snakes, bugs and spider show, plus face painting (cuddly toy safari), animal arts and crafts, 1.30pm, October 28.

Halloween party: On October 31 at 6.30pm, terror trail, scary games, disco, refreshments. Entry free.

Housing association plans 18 homes near Llantwit town centre

DETAILS have been announced about the housing development that will be built on the site of the Royal Mail sorting office in Llantwit Major.

Building work is now well under way at Newydd Housing Association's £2.1 million housing development, which is being built in partnership with the Vale Council and the Welsh Government.

The development has also been named, and the 18 homes there will be part of 'Cwrt Col-Huw' – after the short river that runs through a one-mile valley, also of the same name, in Llantwit Major.

The properties will be available to rent to local people with a connection to the area, the Jehu Group are currently constructing the mix of 13 two-bedroom and five one-bedroom apartments on Newydd's behalf.

A Newydd spokeswoman said: "A wide range of benefits to the local community throughout this build are being delivered by Jehu Group in partnership with Newydd, subcontractors and other local agencies in Llantwit Major.

"A total of £12,000 will be spent on the surrounding public space



ABOVE: An artist's impression of the new development.

and other local projects.

"This will include support for St Iltyd Primary School healthy eating and growing programme, study visits and work experience placement opportunities for older students from local secondary schools and further education departments.

"Construction Skills Certification Card courses, essential for work on building sites, will also be available as well as business opportunities for local contractors through 'Meet the Buyer' events."

Paul Roberts, the chief executive of Newydd said, "When we build affordable homes we consider much more than housing but the benefits to the local community too.

"By providing opportunities to local pupils, college students and local businesses throughout the construction phase, we aim to offer experiences that will give valuable openings to people from the area."

The development is scheduled to be complete in April 2016. Local people with an interest in renting one of these properties must register with Homes4U, the local housing register managed by the Vale Council.

The U3A learns about women's history archive

COWBRIDGE U3A history group welcomed author Rosemary Scadden recently, on this occasion to present an informative talk on the Women's Archive of Wales (www.womensarchive.wales.org), a bilingual repository that preserves the unique experiences of women throughout the Principality.

It was in 1986 that historian Professor Deirdre Beddoe ruefully concluded that: "Welsh women are culturally invisible". It was through the efforts of her, Dr Ursula Masson and others that the Women's Archive of Wales was founded in 1997, to rescue and safeguard documentation relating to women in Wales and to raise awareness of their history. Membership costs £10 per annum.

Rosemary hoped that her presentation would raise the profile of the organisation.

The archive is keen to receive photographs, diaries, papers and letters, even receipts and bills, which show everyday life.

It is not restricted to the momentous events in history, such as wars and political milestones (both of which were usually a male preserve prior to the 20th Century), but wants to keep a social history, from women's perspective, of everyday life in Wales and also to record the experiences of Welsh women living and working elsewhere in the world.

As Rosemary noted,

women have always been involved in life's major events (the births, marriages and deaths), and are often the keepers of the family history, but are generally overlooked by historians.

Collections are normally held locally, in the area where they were deposited, in record offices and archives, but also at the National Library of Wales.

The presentation contained many examples of photographs held in the archive. Details are given here of a small selection: women in the Peace Movement crossing the Severn Bridge in 1981 on their way from Cardiff to Greenham Common; the first women jurors in Swansea; Margaret Haigh, nee Thomas, who became Lady Rhondda on the death of her father, the first Lord Rhondda, but who was not allowed to sit in the House of Lords because of her sex; Amy Dillwyn, an author, who inherited in 1892 and then managed, a spelter (zinc or zinc alloy) works in Swansea.

There was even a photograph of a VE Day street party featuring a very young Rosemary Scadden.

One of the documents shown was a 1951 shopping list. Another was a 1932 invoice made out to a farmer detailing the cost of the nine visits his bride-to-be had made to the dentist to have all her teeth extracted.

One can only hope her false teeth had arrived in time for the wedding photograph!

SPM

Ladies are up for the Cup – and singing for charity!

All smiles – members of Cowbridge Choral Society.



LADIES from Cowbridge Choral Society recently travelled to the Kempton Park racecourse in Middlesex for a massed choirs event, when 1,000 singers spent the day celebrating the Rugby World Cup and raised money for the charity, Voices for Hospices.

The programme featured songs representing all four home nations, as well as a rehearsal and performance of *The Armed Man* by Carl Jenkins, who was present at the event.

The concert was supported by a full orchestra, as well as the band of the Honourable Artillery

Company. Carole Lloyd, the society's musical director, said: "The whole day was a wonderful experience, particularly singing with so many others."

The next performances of the society will be Handel's *Messiah* on November 28 in Llantrisant Leisure Centre, again as part of the series of Voices for Hospices concerts, and the traditional Christmas celebration on December 5.

New members are always welcome to join, and experience is not essential. Rehearsals take place in the United Free Church, Westgate Street (opposite the police station) every Thursday at 7.30pm.

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Cowbridge Charter Trust is handed a £100 donation...

Harry Hailes, the chairman of the Cowbridge Charter Trust, was pleased to receive a cheque from the charitable foundation of the Yorkshire Building Society for £100 towards its activities.

Rebecca Neilson, on behalf of the foundation, presenting the cheque, said she was delighted to support the trust which has done and is doing so much for Cowbridge.

Treasurer Percy Robson, on the right of the photo, thanked Rebecca and added that while the donation will go into the general funds it is expected that it will help towards the 1911 'Bridge Plaque' restoration project in Eastgate.

'Well deserved' Congratulations to Sylvia Williams Chemist (The GEM, October 1) on winning a prestigious UK national award, which I feel they richly deserve.

Their service is second to none. I say this on a personal level and in my dealings with them in my time as senior receptionist at the doctors' surgery.

The whole team are first class, and I would like to give particular praise to their excellent manager, Jane Williams, without whose help and support my job would have been so much harder.

Sandra Dickens, Pontyclun



Harry Hailes, Rebecca Neilson, who made the presentation, and Percy Robson.

Vale village receives life-saving machine

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Sharon continued: "When someone suffers a cardiac arrest, their chances of survival drop by up to 14 per cent for every minute that passes, so a speedy response is crucial. Therefore, early defibrillation – within four to five minutes – gives the best possible chance of survival.

"To help us achieve this goal, we have set up a special appeal called The Dai Fib appeal. The defibrillator Appeal for Wales."

Every week in the UK, 12 young people die suddenly from an undiagnosed heart condition. On February 12, 2012, 15-year-old Jack Thomas became one of those 12 young people.

Jack was a fit and healthy boy who had represented Wales all across Europe on a number of occasions in Taekwondo. Jack was an A* student and had been successful in gaining a scholarship at Cardiff Sixth Form College.

His death came as a complete shock to his parents, as he had never been ill.

Working with the parents of Jack Thomas 'Jack's Appeal', Welsh Hearts goes into secondary and primary



Pupils learning CPR skills.

schools teaching CPR, the use of a defibrillator, and basic first aid training for younger pupils.

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Busy time for the Lions fundraisers

SATURDAY, September 25, proved to be a very busy day for the Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions – with two fundraising events, plus a free diabetes screening session all in one day.

Numbers were well down for the diabetes screening, with only 38 people turning up to be checked; thankfully, everyone was ok with no referrals for follow-up tests.

The lack of response is probably down in part to the availability of free checks from chemists, doctors etc, as people are now generally more aware of the condition.

In conjunction with the screening sessions, a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Nurses was held; this was very well supported with the Lions and their partners supplying homemade cakes. The event raised £150 for the

nurses.

During the day, another group of the Lions was busy in the Precinct, Llantwit Major, running a book sale, which raised £250 for the Lions' Charity Fund.

The success of this event was partly due to the good weather which brought out the crowds in the town.

Following the very successful weekend, the club held a social evening in the Boverton Castle, which was very well attended by club members and their partners. This has resulted in the Lions being able to return to the pub for regular monthly business meetings on the third Thursday of each month.

To know more about the Lions, visit the website at www.lmandclions.org.uk or Facebook and Twitter pages. To speak to someone in person, call 0845 833 6763.

DAVID EDWARDS

Glamorgan Young Farmers look ahead to the new year...

THE summer months are traditionally a quieter period for members due to traditional farming activity.

However, following the YFC competition finale of the year at the Royal Welsh Show in July, where Glamorgan achieved an outstanding fifth place, members have been present at various agricultural shows and events this summer.

They were at the Bridgend County Show, Vale of Glamorgan Show and Gower Show, along with local ploughing matches.

YFC representatives could be found volunteering to help the smooth running of activities or promoting the organisation, along with the farming industry.

To mark the new year, Glamorgan Federation of Young Farmers Clubs recently held its Annual General Meeting where the following appointments were made for club officers for the forthcoming club year 2015/16.

Mr Martyn Popham continues as president, Mrs Kay Lewis-Thomas was elected as chairman with Miss Laura Elliott elected as vice chairman. Miss Annie Evans was re-elected as

competitions chairman while Mr Matthew Tucker will oversee all matters regarding training and promotion as the chairman of the committee.

Newly-elected officers from across the county were put through their paces during a recent training evening provided by Wales YFC to ensure they are well prepared for their respective roles for the year ahead.

Members as young as 14 through to club leaders aged 26 and over relished the opportunity to learn more about their responsibilities and gain new ideas to develop in their individual clubs.

The competitions now begin in earnest with carcass judging, YFC eisteddfod and stockjudging fast approaching over the forthcoming weeks. Members of each of the seven Glamorgan clubs will compete against one another for a chance to

represent the county at the Wales Young Farmers round of competitions.

County chairman, Kay Lewis-Thomas said: "Young Farmers Club is a diverse organisation which offers something for everyone aged between 10 and 26. From informative talks, trips and activities to competitions, social events and travel opportunities, members are encouraged to explore all aspects and don't forget, you don't need to be a farmer to be in Young Farmers!"

To find out more, contact county organiser Gwyneth Thomas, by email Glamorgan@yfc-wales.org.uk or telephone 07779 331839. You can also visit www.glamorganyfc.com. uk and follow @GlamorganYFC on Twitter or 'like' the 'GlamorganYFC' page on Facebook for regular updates.

Cowbridge U3A

THE next U3A Cowbridge meeting will be a talk entitled 'Solving crime by the skin of your teeth', by forensic dentist Prof David Whittaker, at 2pm on Wednesday, October 14 in Cowbridge Town Hall. Visitors welcome; there is a small fee which includes refreshments.

Table top sale

LLANTWIT MAJOR and District Riding Club are holding a table top sale (equestrian and miscellaneous) on Sunday, October 25 at Llanmaes Village Hall from 12 noon to 3pm. Tables £5; call 0751 6638839 or 0794 9366107.

LLANCARFAN PUPILS ENJOY BRILLIANT BIRD BONANZA!



Romanian pianist impresses at the Cowbridge festival

COWBRIDGE Music Festival welcomed rising star Alexandra Dariescu from Romania recently as part of a number of well-attended events in the town.

Ms Dariescu performed in front of a packed house at Holy Cross Church and Vale MP Alun Cairns welcomed the pianist to the Vale and congratulated her on her performance.

Mr Cairns said: "Alexandra had a quite a journey to arrive for her performance, but it was worth it as she gave a fantastic performance."

"I must pay credit to Mary Elliot-Rose and the team of dedicated volunteers for, yet again, hosting such a wonderful festival. Anticipation is already building ahead of the visit of Nicola Benedetti in November."



Mary Elliot-Rose, Mr Cairns and Alexandra Dariescu.



CHILDREN from Lllancarfarn Primary' class-4 explored flight and forces on a school trip to the Welsh Hawking Centre.

They explored the centre, looked at what enables a bird to fly and were then treated to a fantastic flying display.

The day was topped off by all of the children getting to handle and feed a hawk. Huge thanks to Gruff and the team for an exciting, informative day!

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Vale's beautiful Eagle Owl is now safe – THANKS TO FIRE SERVICE RESCUE



At night – atop a chimney pot.



The Eagle Owl is safe and packed up for the RSPCA to collect it.



IMAGES by ANGELA MAGEE

Paul Redmayne makes sure the Eagle Owl is comfortable before the journey back to the station. It was later picked up by the RSPCA.

by GEM REPORTER

An injured Eurasian Eagle Owl was rescued by the Fire Service from a rooftop in Glebe Street, Barry, on Monday morning (October 5).

The owl, which had escaped from captivity, was wearing a leather 'jess' that had become tangled in a TV aerial on the roof of a house. A jess is a leather strap used in falconry to control birds of prey.

A local resident called the Fire Service to report that the owl was in distress because it was hanging upside down from the aerial.

The rescue was performed by fireman Ian Roderick, who untangled the stricken bird and brought it gently down to safety.

Fireman, Paul Remayne said that it was alive, but in shock and exhausted. It had sustained a serious

injury to its wing in its desperate attempts to break free.

The team wrapped the owl up safe and warm and it was taken back to the station where it was collected by the RSPCA. The huge owl had been reported flying around the Barry Road and Cadoxton area for the past few weeks.

The Eurasian Eagle Owl is one of the largest living species of

owl. A fully grown female is roughly eight times the size of the much-loved barn owl. It has a wing-span of up to two metres, is more than half a metre high and weighs up to four kilos!

Local photographer, Angela Magee, who lives in Barry Road, captured the drama as it unfolded. She had been observing and recording the owl's movements

for weeks as it roosted on neighbours' chimneys.

"My neighbours and I have grown attached to this gorgeous Eagle Owl but I've been concerned for its safety."

"I was worried that he was going to get his jess tangled up in an aerial or tree, and sadly that's what happened."

"I alerted the council and the Welsh Hawking Centre – as did others – and have been trying to locate his owner via social media."

Unfortunately there were no reports of a missing Eagle Owl.

"The Eagle Owl landed at the bottom of our garden at around 8pm on Sunday night and stayed a while, looking directly at me, before flying off into the evening."

"My neighbours and I felt privileged and delighted to see such an huge and stunning owl so close up."

"His hooting call is beautiful, but eerie, and he's been treating us to it from 3am until dawn! We will miss him but we're glad that he's in safe hands now and hope that the RSPCA can fix his wing so that he can live a safe and happy life."

RSPCA inspector Gemma Black said the charity hoped to track down the owner.

"I have since taken the owl for a check-up and it is healthy, and clearly has been owned in the past as it is tame. He has a ring and we are making enquiries relating to the details on the ring."

"The bird is now being transferred to a suitable boarding establishment, while we try and track down the owner."

"If anyone has any information about the owl's owner please contact the RSPCA inspectorate appeal line on 0300 123 8018. Calls are treated in confidence."

Critic claims Vale Mayor's Facebook jokes are not in best possible taste

THE pitfalls of social media were highlighted when Vale Mayor, Coun Fred Johnson, put up jokes on his Facebook page and earned a rebuke for 'ridiculing refugees'.

Richard Bertin, an independent councillor on the Vale Council, said: "Not only has this senior Labour councillor seen it fit to ridicule refugees, he also mocks Barry in the process – a town in which he's the mayor."

"Mr Johnson should be speaking up for communities there – not poking fun at them."

His full comments can be seen on page 2, the letters page.

Coun Johnson, who represents the Cadoc Ward in the town, had put up a picture of immigrants running to jump into a truck with the caption 'Quick, back in the truck they've



Vale Mayor, Coun Fred Johnson.

dropped us in Barry.' There was also an airliner with migrants on top of it, and one hanging from a wheel, with the remark 'Calais back to normal after immigrants find new route'.

Coun Johnson, who is a popular figure in Barry, said: "I am sorry if I caused any offence to anyone who looked at

my Facebook account."

Most people commenting on one national media news site didn't seem to have taken offence.

One said: "Another benefit of today's PC multicultural world. No sense of humour allowed!"

Another person added: "He has a sense of humour so what, fed up with the PC brigade commenting."

A person living in Madrid said: "A councillor with a sense of humour. Make the most of it down there in Barry, you don't get many of them these days (and my mother was Welsh, so I'm certainly not against all things Welsh). What is wrong with people these days?"

Another contributor added: "It's not that bad. Poor taste yes. Stupid decision from a person in power though."

CHURCH HAS MISSION WITH A DIFFERENCE

FOR most people, the word 'harvest' conjures up churches decked with flowers, fruit and sheaves of corn.

At The United Free Church in Westgate, Cowbridge, for many years we have aimed to reflect on the needs of our society by bringing along dried goods etc and we have an ongoing collection of foods supporting the Bridgend Foodbank week by week.

This year, in addition to the food collection, we wanted to widen our horizons and support communities further afield, raising awareness of issues that are too readily swept under the carpet.

We are collecting this weekend at our harvest services tools – for 'Tools with a Mission' – hand tools, gardening tools, carpentry, sewing machines, haberdashery, manual typewriters, general maintenance and car maintenance tools are all refurbished and sent to Africa to enable communities there to grow crops, build

and maintain their homes and equipment and make clothing.

This means that communities are able to produce food and also to sell items they have made or grown, thereby restoring self-worth and building skills.

We are also collecting gently used bras and new pants for girls and women. In some African communities, possessing underwear is a symbol of respectability, indicating that you are married or part of a family unit.

The lack of these items makes girls and women ready targets for abuse, and rape is common in these situations. Provision of underwear for adolescent girls means that those who are fortunate to be in education do not have to miss days of school and can hold their heads up high in their villages and communities.

Items for donation may be brought to the church or contact us on 07835447289 or at www.cowbridgeunitedfreechurch.org.uk

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Cowbridge Classic Car Show motors into the town and proves popular with visitors

ON Sunday, September 27, there were around 180 classic cars and motorbikes on display in Cowbridge.

They were all along the town's high street and attracted a lot of attention.

As you can see from Glyn Evans' images people were thrilled to see so many examples of classic motoring history in one place.

A number of people expressed the hope that the show would return in the future.

As you can see, Glyn even 'mocked up' a photograph to create a retro-image of Cowbridge as it might have looked in the 30s.

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Poppy Appeal showed local residents care

OUR brief Indian summer is over, autumn has arrived and it's Poppy Appeal time once again; last year, the people of Cowbridge and the Vale were magnificent – their generosity was incredible – they donated a total of more than £16,000, turning it into another record year for Cowbridge.

They clearly demonstrated the immense public support there is for the welfare of our servicemen and women and their families. We are hoping they will continue their support and help us achieve another notable contribution this year.

Poppies will be available from the usual outlets in shops, banks,

pubs etc. from Saturday, October 24 this year. Our collectors will also be in Cowbridge High Street, Waitrose, and the Co-operative store and will have available various poppies, including a new reflective type, 1915-2015 lapel pins, armbands, bracelets, etc, and the small wooden commemorative crosses.

The Garden of Remembrance will also be open at Holy Cross Church from October 24 for those wishing to place crosses and carry out personal acts of remembrance.

Remembrance Sunday, November 8 is rather early this year, and we are hoping for a large turnout and lots of support. The timetable is: 10.20am the parade to assemble behind the Town Hall, then march to the war memorial for a short service.

The two-minute silence will take place at 11am, followed by the wreath laying at the war memorial. The parade then marches to Holy Cross Church and, after this special day's service, returns to the Town Hall for the salute and the 'dismissal'.

Everyone is invited to join the parade, especially ex-servicemen and women. Membership of the Royal British Legion is not necessary. All members of the public are welcome, and are cordially invited, to attend the church service at Holy Cross Cowbridge.

On November 11 at the 11th hour a short service will take place at the war memorial: please try to be there. 'We will remember them'.

DAVID HOWELL



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There will be displays of pupils' work in all subject areas and members of staff and pupils will be present to answer your questions. The open mornings on 19th, 20th, 21st of October are a wonderful opportunity to see the school in action during the working day and to experience the quality of education and care of which the school is so proud. All prospective parents are welcome, no appointments necessary.

Examination Success:

In 2015 the percentage of pupils gaining 5 or more GCSEs at A* to C was the highest ever at 93%, with 98% of pupils gaining at least 5 GCSEs A* to G. Mr Davies, the Headteacher said he was delighted with the students' performance adding that English and Science results were particularly outstanding this year. Many of these pupils have now joined our sixth form whilst others have a better chance of gaining either employment or a place in college. In 2015 at KS3 our Y9 pupils achieved the best set of results the school as ever had, many pupils scoring above the Welsh average.

Curriculum:

Bryn Hafren offers a rich, broad and balanced curriculum with lessons being taught in modern high specification rooms. Areas which have been recently developed include Music, Drama, Technology, Science and Hair and Beauty. Year 7 students are arranged in mixed ability form groups in which they are initially taught for all subjects, however early in the Autumn Term pupils are put in sets for English and Maths. At KS4 pupils will follow the core curriculum with the opportunity to select four optional subjects from a diverse range; the ability to follow four option choices is quite exceptional.

The Welsh Baccalaureate is studied at KS4 and KS5, giving the pupils additional and vital skills as they move on to further education or employment. The provision of extra-curricular activities is an outstanding feature of the school and extends pupils' learning experiences.

Pastoral Care:

The school is very proud of the pastoral care given to all pupils. We strive to create a happy, working atmosphere where all pupils are valued and encouraged to fulfil their potential. The Year Heads and Form Tutors along with the newly appointed Pastoral Support Officers give support and guidance to all the pupils ensuring they are secure in the caring community of Bryn Hafren.



*Year 8 pupils working hard in one of the
refurbished Science Laboratories.*



ABOVE: Pupils proudly display the new school uniform.



*Residential experiences include language
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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

'Education rethink is a victory for common sense'

COMMON SENSE won in the end. A long campaign that grew from the genuine concern and passion of parents from across the Vale, has succeeded in forcing a major rethink on education provision from the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

To say that there was a huge amount of concern about secondary school merger proposals being put forward by the Vale of Glamorgan local authority is an understatement.

The prospect of more than 2,500 pupils in one huge school would have completely transformed how education was to be delivered in Barry.

Over a period of several months earlier this year, I met with parents, teaching professionals and concerned pupils about initial plans to create a 2,500 pupil super school. Any town in the country relies on a healthy education system locally for its future and the same applies to Barry.

My aim, shared by motivated parents across the Vale, is to see our pupils thrive in an environment that allows them to grow academically, as well as individuals.

The plan initially put



**Vale MP
Alun Cairns**
reports to
GEM readers

forward by the Vale Council did not take into account the impact such a large school would have had on pupils.

Teachers wouldn't have known each other or the pupils and *vice versa*. Based on that reason alone, it was enough in my eyes to reject such a plan. Pupils in a school of that size could have easily been lost in the cracks of the system.

A small group of parents in Barry deserve particular praise. The judgement they used and common sense opinions throughout the consultation

gave confidence to other parents and the wider community. The public meetings we co-ordinated were well attended and conducted in a positive way to find common ground for what is best for pupils in the Vale.

The consultation has worked in the eyes of the residents, and I hope the Vale Council think the same. I am concerned that the vitally important process of consultation is used by the Vale Council in such an arbitrary way.

If the local authority are willing to consult, and to their credit, listen to the valid concerns of residents impacted by decisions on a school merger, then why couldn't they have gone through the same initial process for the controversial car parking charge plans?

They are now consulting, but we need to know exactly how and with whom.

It goes to show that if groups of residents come together with the common interest of our community at their heart, then decisions can be overturned.

To the parents and teachers that worked so hard to press for change – I salute you. I was delighted to have had the opportunity to meet so many local knowledgeable residents who are passionate about the future of education in Barry.

Cloudy2Clear Windows – Service With A Smile!

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Therefore, how you use your savings in retirement can be complicated and,

because each situation is different, a personalised approach is needed.

Some of the factors to consider are your health, whether you have any dependants, whether you want full control over your money and how it is invested; whether you require a minimum guaranteed income, whether you have any other investments you should use first and your attitude to investment risk.

These are just some of the questions you should consider before you decide which is the best pension option for you.

Independent financial advice should always be sourced to ensure you make an informed decision.

Steve (and Sue) assessed for apprentice training award

ENGINEERING assessor Steve Manning, from Llantwit Major, is in contention for an award at the Apprenticeship Awards Cymru 2015, after showing "incredible commitment to his students" through his battle with cancer.

Steve (53), is one of four finalists shortlisted in the work-based learning practitioner of the year category at the high profile awards ceremony in Celtic Manor Resort, Newport on October 29.

The coveted awards celebrate the outstanding achievements of those who have exceeded expectations, shown a dynamic approach to training and demonstrated initiative, enterprise, innovation,

creativity and commitment to the improvement of skills development for the Welsh economy.

Jointly organised by the Welsh Government and the National Training Federation for Wales (NTFW), the awards are sponsored by Pearson PLC and media partner is Media Wales.

The Apprenticeship Programme in Wales is funded by the Welsh Government with support from the European Social Fund.

Steve works for Coleg Y Cymoedd as an engineering assessor, supporting more than 40 apprentices across British Airways sites in Cardiff, Blackwood and Llantrisant, as well as Arriva Trains in Cardiff.

He joined the college in Ystrad Mynach in October 2013, having spent most of his working life with the RAF as an aircraft engineer and later,

Cardiff City Bus.

Then, in July 2014, he had to go through major surgery, followed by months of chemotherapy.

Steve immediately put into place processes to support his learners, insisting that he would co-ordinate their learning remotely.

He also introduced a new "buddy" system, whereby final year apprentices mentor first years.

"The chemotherapy really drained me and I felt sick a lot of the time, but it was important to me not to let my apprentices down," said Steve, who is now well and back at work.

"I had an incredible amount of support from students and colleagues, which really helped me through it."

Matthew Tucker, head of school at Coleg Y Cymoedd, who nominated Stephen for the award, said:

"He's never lost focus of his learners and has astounded us with his relentless, positive attitude and motivation."

CREATIVE ROLE ALSO in contention for the award is Barry woman, Sue

Jeffries, who supports learners in a variety of roles – from carpenters with the opera, to costume dressers on popular TV series Casualty, editors on Doctor Who and runners on Hinterland as chief executive of Cyfle, the training company for the creative industries.

"My passion is to ensure that the industry in Wales gets the most talented people and to do this they must be trained in the right way," said Sue, who

joined Cyfle, which has centres in Caernarfon and Cardiff, in 2013 after over 30 years working in the media.

"I'm very proud 13 of the 17 young people who completed the Apprenticeship in Creative and Digital Media in 2013/14 have continued to work in the media, whilst another three have gone on to further learning and another to a job outside the industry."

"It's a joy to go on set to see former trainees making their own valued contribution."

One of her apprentices, Matthew Ingram, said: "She shares her experience with warmth and wit and we always look forward to a session with Sue."

Her passion for the creative industries in Wales is undeniable."

Sue believes in leading by example, and since 2013, when Cyfle started to train apprentices, the company has also employed apprentices as part of its team.



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VALUE FOR MONEY... VALE COUNCIL LEADER REPLIES

WHAT on earth is our council actually doing with our money and assets?

Every year our council tax increases: over the last three years it was up 4.8 per cent; 4.5 per cent and 3.9 per cent, yet with more houses being built, income from community charge will be rising.

Street lights in Barry are being switched off; our libraries are facing closure; our weekly black bag collections have vanished; our free black bags have gone; our leisure centres have been tendered off; acres and acres of our recreational land and green spaces have been sold off.

It also looks like Barry and Cowbridge shoppers are going to have to pay to park near our shopping areas. To top it off, our

pensioners have even had their Christmas dinners cut this year.

Despite all these cutbacks, huge sums have been found to spend on beach huts at Barry Island and so-called regeneration projects.

Millions have been spent on exit packages for council officers; indeed, at last week's council meeting, the council leader identified that well over £500,000 has been paid out in discretionary payments over the last five years.

Hundreds of thousands have been spent on refurbishing the council offices; I could go on and on. The only influence we have is one vote in five years.

You cannot throw good money away on major projects then punish the public for it by cutting essential services and raising taxation. Blaming central government all the time just doesn't

stand up to analysis.

When it comes to value for money from our council, it's a big fat zero from me.

Jonathan Osborne, FocusBARRY member.

The Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Neil Moore, responds:

With regard to Mr Osborne's letter, I am surprised that as someone who appears to be such a keen observer of local government issues, Mr Osborne has such a poor grasp of how local authorities are actually funded.

While he is correct that council tax in the Vale has increased in recent years, he is clearly unaware that this income accounts for less than a third of the council's budget.

The vast majority of the council's budget is funded by money from Welsh Government, which they in turn receive from the UK Government.

This sum of money has been cut by more than £30million in the last five years and is likely to be cut by at least a further £25million in the next three years.

This is happening at a time when the demand for some of the essential services that councils provide, such as education and adult social care, is rising dramatically.

Increasing council tax is never a measure that my cabinet colleagues and I take lightly. However, it is one of the few ways in which the council can increase its income and mitigate the impact of the cuts to public services imposed by Mr Osborne's namesake in Westminster.

For this reason, each year my colleagues and I are forced to balance the implications of asking our residents to pay a little more or cutting vital public services.

Clearly such significant savings cannot be made without changes to the services that we provide.

Mr Osborne makes reference to several of the measures that have been taken to help us balance our budget in recent years.

Ironically, however, some of the changes that he highlights represent excellent examples of how the

Vale Council is delivering first rate services at reduced cost; most notably, the way in which our leisure centres are now managed which saves the authority over £1million each year, while also enabling Vale residents to enjoy higher quality facilities.

The reference to regeneration projects again shows a lack of understanding.

The regeneration of Barry Island resulted in one of the busiest summer seasons for many years and brought both visitors to the town and income to the traders – of which, I understand, Mr Osborne is one.

The project put Barry Island back on the map as a UK tourist destination and is certainly not something to be criticised.

To cap things off, Mr Osborne then goes on to undermine his own point about the "millions" being spent in redundancy payments by stating that the figure given for the last five years is actually far lower than it is.

The cost of the Vale Council's redundancy scheme, which any payments are made in accordance with, is in fact one of the lowest in Wales.

It is very frustrating, not just to politicians like me, but also the thousands of hardworking public servants in the Vale, when people such as Mr Osborne choose to either wilfully or ignorantly mislead the public about the unprecedented financial position that local authorities currently find themselves in.

Luckily for all concerned, once the council's budget-setting process begins later this month, we will be providing a great deal of information to the public on the council's current position – and some of the difficult choices that we will have to make.

We will also be inviting Vale residents to share their views on what our priorities should be. I look forward to receiving these and am sure that the vast majority of those who choose to respond will take the time to understand the issues up for debate, unlike, it seems, the writer of this letter.

Family anguish as flowers are stolen from son's grave

WE would like to bring to people's attention, that a flower arrangement of red roses and gypsophilia was stolen from our son's grave.

We attend Barry cemetery weekly to tend our son's and other family graves with flowers and plants, together with maintaining the areas.

On Monday, September 28, someone removed the flower

arrangement and replaced it with a few daisies. This has been reported to the Barry Town Council.

What sort of person could do such a despicable thing within such sacred grounds?

If anyone knows anything about this matter, we would be grateful if they would tell the cemetery officials.

Perhaps the person responsible would have the decency to replace what they have stolen? **S Pycroft, Barry.**

'The charges will destroy Barry'

SO now it seems that the Vale Council, despite opposition from the people and the business community, are going to implement parking charges.

Coun Gwyn John, at the recent council meeting, told councillors who opposed these

charges, to stop playing political games and face the fact that the council have to make significant savings; this from someone who doesn't even live in Barry, and only a couple of weeks ago was stating that the charges were not a money-making exercise, but were to free up car parking space.

He stated the council have a very hard road ahead of them and face a

huge deficit over the next three years; but that didn't bother him when his council paid over £250,000 for a spruced up council chamber; it didn't bother him when the council spent over £230,000 on a fleet of cars; it didn't bother him when the council forked out over £24,000 on consultants.

It doesn't seem to bother him that his council has set aside £100,000 of our money for asylum seekers who are coming to this country.

Charges will destroy Barry as a shopping centre. I think it is also obvious that Labour councillors who live in Barry agree to this, so shame on you all.

D J Radford, Barry.

'Nuclear weapons are no defence'

JEREMY CORBYN was attacked by the media for stating his firm support for what had been the most important policy of all western nations for 50 years – namely nuclear disarmament – but which had gone unmentioned in Britain for 20 years.

When you talk to British citizens on the subject, many explain it in childish terms of cowboys, films, of goodies and baddies – where we are always the

goodies, threatened by Putin – without any appreciation that the Communist nations have always had much more reason to believe themselves threatened by people like former US President Reagan.

Even baddies, if that is as far as your mind takes you, are unwilling to commit suicide by attacking the West.

Nuclear missiles will murder millions, and also activate more nuclear missiles in response.

They are no form of defence for a single living soul.

Neville Westerman, Brynna

GROUP GETS GUIDED TOUR OF PUMPHOUSE

WITH work on the Pumphouse at Barry Waterfront nearing now completion, the developer has agreed to show FocusBARRY members around the mixed use development this Friday (October 9).

"Members, supporters and friends are welcome to come along, but please arrive promptly at 7pm," a spokesman said.



ABOVE: Victoria Wade with the Mayor of Penarth, Coun Rosemary Cook.

They Grew, they Showed ...and then they Shared!

THE first 'Grow Show, Share' held at St Augustine's Church, Penarth, far exceeded expectations, say the organisers of this new event.

There was some anxiety that the rather enigmatic title would put people off, but in fact it seemed to act as a draw to some remarkable entries where the mix of humour, artistry and horticultural expertise combined to make a most entertaining exhibition.

The overall winner, 'Beat that Wallace' created by Lizzie Davies, was spectacular and aroused a lot of laughter and admiration for the size of the beetroot.

However, there were also serious vegetables, flowers, preserves and some very professional craft items. 'The Gardener', sculpted by Debbie Court and the Four Seasons in Glass by Judith Martin-Jones were particularly impressive.

Among the children's entries were 11 from 'Blast', the library's gardening group run by Phil Gauci, whose photographs were particularly good.

Imogen Alexander's caterpillar won first as did her miniature garden. Children from Albert Road Primary School had been nurturing sunflowers for months and proudly arrived with large pots of cheerful blooms which nicely offset a lovely wheelbarrow created by the Nightingale Nursery.

The show was opened by Victoria Wade, herself an award-winning

landscape gardener, and the Mayor of Penarth, Coun Rosemary Cook, who with her husband also put in an entry – and also brought a beautiful pot of sunflowers (which she had 'reared') with greetings from the town council.

Some fantastic prizes contributed by Windsor Fruit Store, Andrea's Flowers and the Florist, helped raise £306, which has been given to Ty Hafan hospice. Brynawel had also brought along some spectacular autumn plants which added a lot of colour and interest.

This year, the aim of the Friends of St Augustine's was to get the idea known and test the water for similar events. Organisers are so enthused they are already thinking about 2016!

"We are enormously grateful to everyone who put in so much effort – the growers, makers, creators and helpers – it was such good fun".

The event ended with a short service, led by Canon Peter Cox.

PRIZEWINNERS
Adult mixed – gold, Hilary Williams; silver, Debbie Court; bronze, Liz Morgan.

Gardening – gold, Lizzie Davies; silver, Rachel Elder; bronze, Wyntoun Bailey.

Family – gold, Ana Burlaco; silver, tea, toast and toys; bronze – Chris and Jane Higley.

Best in show – Lizzie Davies. **TG**

Ladies concert raised £500 for church funds

THE Barry Ladies' summer concert at Crossway Church, Barry, raised £500 towards refurbishment of the church.

The concert incorporated gospel, jazz, blues, modern (and not so modern) favourites, accompanied by pianist Chris Fossey.

The evening was tinged with sadness as it was also a farewell concert to conductress, Alice Jones, who is taking a break in order to pursue her studies.

All of the choir members wish her good luck for the future. Her place has been filled by Matt, who picked up the baton in September.

Everyone is looking forward to the next choir concert at Christmas. **FR**



THE CHOIR AT LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL.

An invitation from the South Wales Male Choir – Côr Meibion de Cymru 'COME AND JOIN US!'

— says choir compere Barri Hurford

THE BEGINNING...
THERE is only one truly regional male choir in south Wales.

Formed in 1982 to undertake a tour of the eastern United States, the choir received rave reviews following concerts in Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Washington, New York and Buffalo.

The decision was taken to keep the choir together. Nineteen further tours have taken members to the USA and Canada (three times each) and to France, Gibraltar, eastern Europe and Australia, in addition to seven commemorative tours to the World War One and World War Two battlefields of Flanders and Normandy.

The choir has travelled as far as Monaco for a one-off concert and cruised the Baltic with shore-based concerts in Russia, Estonia and Norway. Next year's cruise destination will be the Norwegian fjords and Bergen.

St David's Day celebration concerts have always been performed outside Wales. Sponsored by Valero, the choir recently performed its 29th annual concert in St David's Cathedral, Pembroke.

Since Elaine Robins took over as conductor, the choir has achieved



Peter Evans,
choir chairman.



Jo Herco-Thomas,
Cardiff group conductor.

competition success.

Piano accompaniment has remained constant with a Ferndale Davies throughout the choir's history – originally the late Bryan and since 1993 his daughter Sian. Cardiff group conductor Jo Herco-Thomas acts as deputy to Elaine Robins.

The Cardiff group are keen to increase CMDC membership in the area. The venue is Fairwater Conservative Club, where ample car-parking is available.

Chorists travel in to Tuesday evening rehearsals not just from Cardiff but also from Bristol in the east, and Cowbridge and the Vale of Glamorgan in the west.

Every three weeks, all the practice groups – those from Cardiff, Resolven, Towry Valley, Narberth and Wantage – meet for a full choir rehearsal on a Sunday in Cwmavon Community Centre.

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PETER EVANS,
choir chairman.

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There is a compelling body of scientific research and evidence available on the mental and physical benefits of singing. Researchers at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden found that choristers' heartbeats synchronise when they sing together, bringing about a calming effect that is as beneficial to our health as yoga.

Health journalists point to significant beneficial outcomes from singing. Joining a choir like CMDC provides fellowship, rewarding activities and is beneficial for health and well-being.

I love music. I love the gifts it has given me, my family and friends, throughout my life. Its powerful presence has enabled me to be a part of many special events, including those of CMDC.

I would encourage anyone with a love of music to come and join us. Singing with a large choir offers many personal rewards.

JO HERCO-THOMAS,
conductor, Cardiff group.

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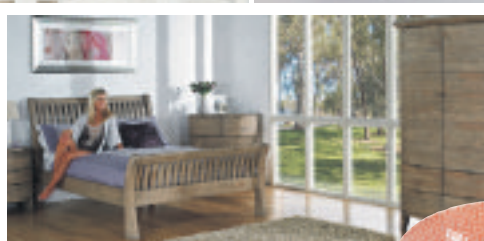
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Harold and Barbara were bee-trothed AND NOW THEY ARE MARRIED!



WHEN Harold Williams of Fonmon and Barbara Chick of Cardiff were married recently, there was no chance of the happy couple taking a honeymoon – they had too many bees to look after, including half a dozen hives on top of St David's 2 in Cardiff!



it was never a home for bees again.

The friendship through their mutual interest in bees continued over the years, but the situation changed in 2008, with the sad death of both their partners.

They also look after the six hives that are in Dyffryn Gardens, and run training courses there for new beekeepers.

Barbara said: "We give them their first 'hands-on' experience of beekeeping."

As time passed, they found they were spending more time together, and now that they are wed, Harold will be leaving his home in east Aberthaw and moving in with Barbara.

He will continue looking after the hives at Fonmon Castle.

However, he has passed on another set of hives that are in Aberthaw Power Station's nature reserve to two company employees – after training them, of course!

Harold said: "A rooftop garden has been created there, and the beehives are there, too, so every now and again we go in, drive to the top floor, and check that the bees are OK."

"We tell the security men that we are here to see the bees!"

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The happy couple tied the knot on September 26, and relaxed with family and friends as the sun shone at Yr Hen Felin, The Old Mill, Dyffryn.

Harold has, of course, written a monthly column on beekeeping in The GEM for some years now.

The venue was stunning, the food (provided by Rozanne Lord and helpers) was excellent – and there was

even a wedding cake in the shape of a beehive, and a sponge decorated in a similar theme!

However, a romantic getaway will have to wait, because both Barbara and Harold have more than 80 years' experience between them in beekeeping, and they have other priorities.

Harold explained: "It is coming to the end of the foraging season and we have to see if the hives are stocked with enough honey for the

bees to make it through the winter. If not, we will have to top them up with a sugar solution."

Harold and Barbara met 40 years ago, at beekeeping classes, and they stayed in touch because Barbara was the secretary of the Cardiff Beekeepers' Society.

Harold was looking after hives that were in Fonmon Castle, while Barbara was busy with ones in the National Museum of Wales in St Fagans.

In fact, older GEM readers may recall the beehive that could be observed through a glass partition in the National Museum in Cathays Park.

Children (this reporter included) would spend hours there, watching the bees come and go.

However, Harold explained that it was a stressful environment for the bees, and it was removed. For quite some time, Barbara looked after it in St Fagans, but

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Blacksmiths celebrates its reopening with star guest



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COWBRIDGE DARTS LEAGUE ROUND-UP

ON Tuesday, September 29, last season's runners up, Edmond B, in their first game got off to a good start defeating the Hare and Hounds 8-1.

But the pacesetters, so far, this season are the Farmers Arms who won 9-0 against the Old Post Ladies.

Edmond B defeated the Six Bells Inn 5-4 and the Edmond A defeated the Edmond C 6-3; in this match Rhys Jury (Edmond A) hit a three dart 180. This week Llanharry had the bye.

Present league standings, after two matches, are: Farmers Arms (14 points), Edmond A (12), Highwayman Inn (11), Six Bells Inn (9), Edmond B (8),

Edmond C (6), Hare and Hounds (5), Llanharry (4) and Old Post Ladies (3).

Next week, Tuesday October 13, the Farmers Arms will host the semi-final and final of the Fours. In the first semi-final the Edmond C (Mark Dowling, Steve Huish, Noyle Burt, Richie Williams, Marc Lassimer) will play the Six Bells Inn (Tony Gratton, Lisa Gratton, Kimberly Gratton, Tim Lewis).

In the second semi-final Llanharry (Gerry Austin, Mike Newble, Tony Denscombe, Lee Davies) will play the Edmond B (four from Martin Thomas, David Thomas, David Cheal, Paul Butcher, Martin Gaffney, Jonathan Cheal).

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul cwbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk

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The Foodbank thanks shoppers

THE Llantwit Major Foodbank would like to express grateful thanks to the generous shoppers in the Llantwit Major Co-operative supermarket for their kind donations on October 26 – altogether 263.75 kilograms of food was donated in the store.

Grateful thanks are also extended to the store manager and staff of the Co-op for their continued kind, helpful and enthusiastic support in organising the collection.

The Llantwit Major Foodbank is open in Bethel Baptist Church hall between 1pm and 2pm every Wednesday afternoon. Denis McGuire, Llantwit Major.

YMCA HOLD AUCTION

I AM writing to let GEM readers know that to coincide with the Rugby World Cup, we are holding a raffle to help with our fund and raise our public profile.

The prize is an original 'line and wash' painting of the Millennium Stadium. Tickets are £1 per strip and can be bought at the Barry store.

The draw will take place after the Rugby World Cup final on November 2.

Jackie Collett, assistant manager YMCA shop, Broad Street, Barry.



The Blacksmiths Arms at Llanmaes recently reopened after a new management team took over. The special guest was gold medalist and Paralympian Simon Richardson (far left, above).

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THE Vale Council is asking residents how it can improve daily commuting experiences on foot or bicycle to work or local facilities.

The consultation is part of the Welsh Government's Active Travel Plan for delivering the requirements of Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013.

It has identified areas where it would like to see active travel routes clearly identified, developed and promoted for residents. These are: Barry, Penarth, Llantwit Major, Cowbridge, Dinas Powys, Llandough and Rhoose.

The first stage requires the council to submit maps to the Welsh Government by January 22, 2016. The maps will show existing routes within the settlements that the council considers suitable for Active Travel.



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BE BOLD... that's the message behind the new season's interior decor trends

OUR homes have a dramatic effect on our mood and spirit, so investing in their visual appeal makes perfect sense.

This time of year, when designers and stores release their new collections, is a perfect opportunity to track new trends – and embrace them if you're in the mood for a complete makeover, or simply shake up your existing scheme with some smart new buys.

This isn't a season for the faint-hearted, as there's a roll call of bold looks: full-on sultry luxury – all dark tones and glittery metallics, a style garden of dark blooms, and a twist on tradition with dark green 'gentlemen's club'

By Gabrielle Fagan, Press Association

style settings, which make a grand backdrop for carefully chosen furniture pieces.

If that all sounds a little too rich for your decor palette, go for more subtle interpretations – no trend is worth following just for the sake of it, it must suit you, your lifestyle and your taste, too.

That said, there's plenty to excite that could bring the requisite personality to rooms, and make your home awesome for autumn...

MIDNIGHT BLOOMS

Feel free to play with this versatile trend and be as subtle or daring as you wish. Conjure sultry colonial settings with dark, exotic blooms, or whip up a wilder gypsy chic.

"We're seeing a modern take on a classic floral look, which will achieve a bold statement in any room," says Abigail Bomford, senior design manager at George Home.

"Combine dark purple shades and oversized, dramatic floral prints against a neutral backdrop of softer hues of dusky lilacs and blush tones."

"For the less colour confident, focus on a floral print and pair with washed-out white accessories, to conjure a soft, romantic atmosphere which is so prevalent in the autumn collections."

Rich berry shades are perennially popular and most of the leading homes collections have embraced them.

Jewel-rich colours and bold patterned upholstery and accessories feature in many new ranges.

GO GREEN

This year, green is the new 'black' – that's the decree of the decor experts who are plumping for a trend already seen emerging strongly in fashion.

"Mix deep bottle or racing car greens with ochres, brick reds and aubergine purples to create a luxurious, layered feel," advises Stephanie Chen, director of home, Marks & Spencer.

"Accessories in materials such as marble, polished brass and crushed velvets, will add a further luxury touch and interest to a room."

Auteur designer Christian Lacroix, for instance, is offering Pantigre (tiger and panther print) wallpaper, in a Topaze Kiwi – a green, grey and black – colourway, £83 a roll from Amara.

If you're tentative about committing to green, test the decor waters by accessorising. Teal green is a top choice, perhaps for a table lamp, or for glass containers for scented candles.

DARK MATTER

Opulence, decadence and full-on luxury are all being celebrated this season, and the ultimate sanctuary should be sensual, with touch-me

textures, moody dark shades and glitzy finishes.

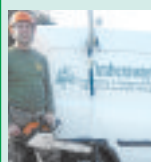
"The luxe trend works in any style of home and is all about layering beautiful fabrics and well-chosen metallic pieces – gold, copper or bronze – which can be combined with almost any interior style," says Sue Roberts, design director at House of Fraser.

"Soft and shiny shimmering fabrics, velvets and silks, glowing accents and gilded metallics are all a safe choice, but for added opulence, keep warm hues at the heart of a scheme."

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Preparing your garden for winter

by **Hannah Stephenson**

If you noticed some space in your borders this year, or some of your more established plants didn't flower as well as they have done previously, autumn is one of the key seasons to propagate.

Division is among the easiest and most effective ways to increase your stock. It involves carefully digging up clumps of perennials, which have either outgrown their allotted space or are no longer performing well. You'll need to prise the root

ball apart to become smaller clumps, each with a healthy section of roots attached.

Some perennials are simpler to divide than others. Crocosmias, rudbeckias, heleniums and hardy geraniums are pretty easy.

You need to cut off the flowering stems and dead leaves, then dig up the clump, keeping the root system intact and then pull the plant into pieces from the outside, where there is young growth, making sure you have a

healthy section of roots attached. Replant the divided clumps in soil which has been enriched with compost and water.

For larger clumps, you'll need to push two garden forks back to back into the centre and prise clumps apart. Discard the centre sections and replant the more vigorous outer sections.

Perennials with tougher roots, like hostas and hellebores, may take a bit more effort. I have found myself slicing through sections with a sharp gardening knife to divide them effectively, but they still come back.

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Don't be stuck with slippery surfaces during autumn season

IT'S time to banish dirty drives, slimy steps, slippery decking and other hazards!

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Getting your garden ready for the cold snap...

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Other plants suitable for division include phlox, sedum, delphinium, campanula, aster and achillea.

Another way to boost your stock is by taking semi-ripe cuttings in early autumn using this year's young shoots that have started to go woody at the base.

Plants suitable for semi-ripe cuttings include many evergreen and deciduous shrubs, including lavender, box, hebe, berberis and potentilla. They may take longer to root than softwood cuttings, so you will need to be patient.

Select 10cm-long shoots from a non-flowering stem with a woody base and soft tip, cutting just below a leaf joint and removing the lower leaves from the bottom third of the shoot.

Trim the base with a very sharp knife, leaving a small piece attached. Dip the tip into hormone rooting powder, then put six cuttings around the edge of a 12cm pot filled with 50 per cent seed compost and 50 per cent sharp sand or perlite, watering in well and leaving to drain.

Place the container of cuttings in a greenhouse, or cover the pots with a clear plastic bag and put them in a warm, light position out of direct sunlight, and keep the compost moist but not sodden.

If the weather turns chilly, use a heated propagator in the greenhouse at night. Hopefully, cuttings should have rooted by the following spring.

Layering is another way to increase your stock and is an ideal method for propagating rhododendrons, azaleas and hybrid clematis.

Essentially, it induces rooting from the parent plant without cutting the

shoots off. Bend one of the branches down to the ground, remove the leaves around the tip of a healthy shoot and then cut a slit in the nearby stem without completely severing it.

Dig a hole near the plant at the point where the wounded shoot touches the ground, adding a little compost, push the shoot into the hole and peg the branch down with a hoop of wire or a forked stick before covering it with soil.

The plant may take longer than a year to root, but when it does, you can detach and replant it.

WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK:

- Plant window boxes and pots for winter interest.
- Apply or renew grease bands on the trunks of apple and pear trees.
- Sow parsley and chervil for use in late winter and early spring.
- Support tall-growing clumps of asters or they'll be blown down in windy conditions.
- Cut down the stems of herbaceous perennials and lift and divide clumps which are becoming old and bare in the centre.
- Lift maincrop potatoes on a warm, sunny day and leave them on the surface of the soil for an hour or two to dry out.
- Sow lettuce seeds in shallow drills and cover with cloches.
- Pick pumpkins, marrow and squashes, which can be put into storage and should keep until well after Christmas.
- Plant out some of the runners of your strawberry plants to increase your stock.
- Start to clear garden debris in borders, putting it on the compost heap or disposing of it if diseased.



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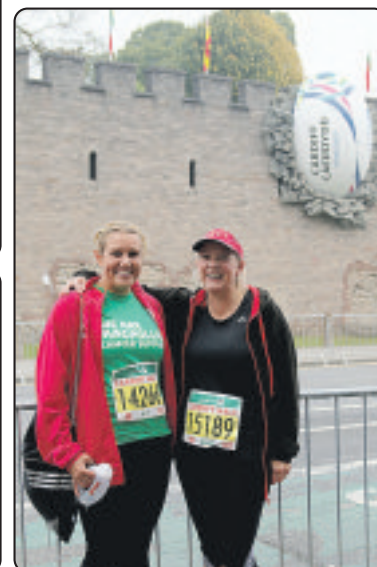
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Christmas Party Guide

Enjoy the Christmas party season, but here are a few tips to spare the waistline!

DON'T end the year feeling like a stuffed sausage – here's a chance to find out how to wine and dine without ruining your waistline – or damaging your health!

The goose is getting fat, and so will we during the Christmas party season if we're not careful about what we eat in the next few months.

The chance to eat out is one of the pleasures of the Christmas season, and a 'one off' indulgent

meal is a real pleasure.

However, people living in the Vale have so much choice that eating out is often more than a one off – there's too much temptation.

It's important to look at the Christmas party season as a whole, and plan your food consumption over the whole period.

The enjoyment to be had from eating out can be increased if you balance your food consumption – cutting back at home can make it easier to enjoy the social occasions that make Christmas special.

Every year, millions of us are tempted to start gobbling down mince pies earlier and earlier as supermarkets start promotions and we build up to the big calorie-fest that is Christmas week.

The average Brit consumes 7,000 calories on Christmas Day alone!

A seemingly innocent meal of a turkey sandwich, a leftover mince pie and a glass of wine comes to a whopping 930 calories, which you'd have to walk 9.3 miles to burn off. Little wonder our clothes feel so tight on January 1 each year.

But it's not all doom and gloom – with some careful planning it is possible to have a low calorie Christmas party season, says nutritionist Carrie Ruxton.

"It's important to think about what you're going to do over the festive period, so you don't end up

by KATE WHITING

having this weight gain and then feel miserable about it in January."

Carrie recommends deciding what your approach to Christmas eating and drinking will be, and then sticking to it.

"Dieticians always come across as killjoys during the Christmas period, but that's because our clinics are always flooded in January with people saying 'Oh dear, I've put on a stone, I'm so depressed about it'. You can enjoy yourself, but you have to think ahead and make the right choices for you."

Here are Carrie's tips:

MORE PROTEIN, LESS FAT

"Think about the plates of food that you have and go for more turkey and more veg and then minimise the sauces and high fat ingredients like roast potatoes. Turkey is low in fat and high in protein, which has been shown to make you feel full for longer, so you won't come back for more."

VARY YOUR VEGETABLES

"Vegetables are low GI and high in fibre and will fill you up with fewer calories than fatty alternatives such as nibbles and sausage rolls. But it's easy to get bored of veg over the Christmas season and then you'll start having smaller portions. Why not try roasting winter vegetables like swedes and onions or go for

seasonal cabbage and spinach for a change?

"Roasted potatoes are really really high in calories because they've been sitting in fat in the oven. Why not mash, bake or boil them for a healthier alternative?"

HAVE SMALLER PORTIONS

"In Mediterranean countries, they put a small amount on their plate and then, if they feel like it, they'll have some more. But in Britain, we load up the plate until it's overflowing and then everybody feels obliged to eat everything on the plate. Switch to the Mediterranean style and you'll probably find you eat less."

CHOOSE HEALTHY STARTERS AND PUDDINGS

"Go for soup because it's more filling than greasy vol-au-vents or sausages on sticks, and for dessert, try something like meringue with fruit and natural yoghurt, which will be much lower in calories than the traditional pudding with custard and brandy butter."

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Vintage tractor run raises £452 total for Macmillan charity

THE annual Ogmores Castle vintage tractor run was held on Sunday, October 4, when 35 vintage tractors took part.

They started from Ogmores Castle Field at 10.30am and travelled through many villages in the Vale, led by Jeff Webb from Peterston-super-Ely.

One of the entrants was Peter Aston, vice-chairman of the Ferguson Club, who came over from Newport with his industrial Massey Ferguson tractor, assisted by Andy Ford.

The vintage judge, David George from Porthcawl, presented Jeff with the annual Ewenny Pottery mug for his continued support over the years.

Macmillan Cancer Support representatives,



David George presents Jeff Webb with Ewenny Pottery mug.

Val Weaver and Claire Davies, were on hand to register the entries and accept donations from spectators.

The amount raised on the day was £452, bringing the running total raised at this annual event to £3,317.

The organisers would like to thank Robert

Williams for the use of the castle field, as well as B S Supplies and Paul Hooper Signs for their continued support over the years.

The vintage tractor run in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, is held annually on the first Sunday in October.

BASIL GEORGE

Pepper leads the way through 'assault course'!

FOR the group of eight walkers from Penarth and District Ramblers who joined Robin and his spaniel Pepper, there was a chance to explore part of the pretty Cray valley in the far western part of the Brecon Beacons National Park by following part of what had been the Brecon Forest Tramroad.

Leaving the delightful Cray reservoir, which was originally built to supply Swansea and what became the industrialised parts of the Tawe valley with water, they climbed up on to the old tramroad that was built by John Christie in the early 19th century, who bought a huge piece of land in the area from the Crown who were trying to raise funds to pay for the Napoleonic War.

It was his dream to move agricultural products, coal and limestone, but he was greatly hampered because the chosen route climbed to a height of 1,400ft, plus he was unable to find sufficient locally-sourced coal in order to burn the lime.

After deciding to link the route with the Port of Swansea by means of the Swansea Canal and purchasing sailing ships and barges, the scheme dramatically failed and he became bankrupt.

Making their way northwards and climbing out of the valley on to the hillside of Y Gelli, they turned south through Bwlch y Duwynt and around the hillsides above Fforest Fawr to reach the summit of Fan Gyhirych at 725m, while gazing at the glorious surrounding views in bright sunshine but with a stiff breeze.

They were warned to

expect something of an assault course on their journey back to the start along the old tramroad that runs parallel with the A4067. They traversed boggy areas, descended into gullies and waded across stream beds before reaching the Fan Gyhirych Viaduct, where a warning notice forbids climbing or abseiling on the crumbling footbridge.

No-one had the energy to even think about those two things, let alone carry them out!

On October 10, meet 8.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 12-mile

hard walk, taking in Carreg Cennen Castle; contact Rachel on 01446 410545.

On October 11, meet 10am at Cogan for a 6-mile moderate walk in the Nant Fawr corridor, taking in Roath, Llanishen and Lisvane; contact Pam on 029 2025 5102.

To follow the group, log onto www.penarthramblers.org.uk or ordpress.com. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Joy Strangward

'Rights of way proposals ill-conceived' Farmers' union

CHANGES to access legislation in Wales should not place any additional cost, burden or liability on farmers and landowners – according to NFU Cymru, in its response to Welsh Government consultation on public rights of way.

Rural affairs board chairman, Bernard Llewellyn, said: "NFU Cymru recognises that reforms are needed to access legislation to allow for modernisation of the public rights of way network through a process of prioritisation and rationalisation."

"The current system does not take into account modern day farming and the procedures to divert or close public rights of way must be made far

easier and less expensive.

"NFU Cymru is deeply concerned, however, that options are being considered to remove restrictions on the range of activities that can take place on rights of way and on access land; together with proposals to allow access for responsible recreation to all land in Wales."

He said that Wales already has a very extensive network of paths and access land and any proposals to extend access would impose severe limitations on the day-to-day running of farm businesses including their ability to manage livestock and crops effectively, as well as hindering their ability to meet regulations.

He added that while supportive of reform, proposals were ill-conceived and should not be taken forward.



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Participants in the Music in the Vale reception concert at the Senedd.

YOUNG MUSIC IN THE VALE MUSICIANS STAR TURN AT THE SENEDD

ON September 24, Music in the Vale was invited by Jane Hutt AM to present a concert in the Senedd showcasing the finalists from Music in the Vale's last year's competition.

The singers and instrumentalists ages ranged from 11 to 17 years.

The AM said: "It was a great honour and privilege to host the Concert for 'Music in the Vale' young singers and musicians from the 2014 competition. The young people were inspiring and brilliant and they blossomed in the wonderful setting and acoustics of

the Senedd with a delighted audience. This year's competition takes place at Stanwell School Penarth on November 14-15. Singers (8-24 years of age) and instrumentalists (8-21 years of age) should apply for entry forms and more information by emailing secretary@musicinthevale.org.uk or phoning 01446 771318 or by visiting www.musicinthevale.org.uk. The closing date for entries is October 17.

Performers will be judged by professional adjudicators and each competitor will receive a full appraisal of their performance.

Those taking part in the Senedd concert were: Harpist Heledd Wyn

Newton (age 11), who attends Ysgol Gymraeg Pwll Goch; Maddy Carver (14) of Penarth, who attends Stanwell School; Aisha Kala Palmer (14), who attends Ysgol Gymraeg Caerfili; Huw Jones (14) of Cowbridge, who attends Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg; Barry; Jack Ollier (12) of Barry, who attends Barry Comprehensive School; Aisha (harp); Jodi Bird (17) Penarth, who attends Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg; Aisha (piano); Jack (clarinet); Elinor Gent (14) of Penarth, who attends Howells School, Cardiff; Elinor and Maddy (duet); Heledd (harp). The accompanist was Mrs Sally Tarlton.

Rotarians hear of Foodbank's battle against poverty in Vale

SUSAN LLOYD SELBY from the Vale Foodbank, was the guest speaker at the first October meeting of the Rotary Club of Barry, held in the Glenbrook Inn, Barry.

Vale Foodbank is one of 35 in Wales and is the eighth busiest. People in crisis can gain access through one of 65 agencies in the Vale; 86 volunteers run the Foodbank each week, collecting and sorting food donated by some 480 individuals and organisations, the Rotary Club of Barry being one of the organisations.

Since opening four years ago, the Foodbank has received 130,379kg of food donations and given out 127,000kg. Barry Rotary has donated 2,790kg of food which has fed 300 people in need.

Mrs Lloyd Selby spoke of the needs of

local people in poverty and explained that in the four years that the Foodbank has been open, 11,781 people in crisis in the Vale had received emergency food parcels - 4,408 of which were children under the age of 16.

She also went on to explain how the Foodbank works alongside the Citizens Advice Bureau to provide help and advice, including Eat Well Spend Less and money management courses, as well as additional services such as furniture restoration (Restore), social enterprise (Gwalia), books and clothes.

Last Christmas, over 300 hampers were also provided by the Foodbank from donations.

Rotarian Ann Harthy gave a vote of thanks at the end of a most informative talk.

October marks the start of a busy autumn programme for the



Rotary Club president Paul Halstead with Susan Lloyd Selby of the Vale Foodbank.

Rotary Club. On Thursday, October 22, it will host an International lunch with the Inner Wheel Club in the Memorial Hall, Barry.

Preparations are well in hand for the annual Fireworks Fiesta on Barry Island on November 5. This event will take place come rain or shine.

Later in November, the club will support the High Street Lights

switch-on, and a Dickensian fayre in Dinas Powys and will also provide Christmas entertainment with Inner Wheel at a residential home in Barry in December.

Rotary has 1.2million members (men and women) worldwide, who form a global network of business, professional and community volunteers. The Barry Rotary Club meets weekly in the Glenbrook Inn on Thursdays at 6.30pm.

For further information, speak to club secretary, Phil Hunt, on 01446 720000, or look online at www.ribi.org

JILL OSBORNE

Electoral registration officers to check homes

ELECTORAL registration officers will be visiting households in the Vale during October as part of the council's annual canvass of voters.

Officers will only be visiting those households that failed to respond to forms sent out earlier this year asking residents to confirm the information that appears on the electoral register for that address.

The aim of the door-to-door visits is to ensure that the electoral register is up to date, and to identify any residents who are not registered so that they can be encouraged to do so. Anyone calling at properties will have a photographic ID.

Anyone who has any questions can contact the Electoral Registration team at electoralregistration@valeofglamorga.gov.uk or 01446 700 111.

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Wildlife group's double success!



AFTER scooping two awards for the Wenvove Wildlife Group recently, Mary and Mervyn Greenwood were presented with two Community Green Flag certificates by wildlife presenter, Iolo Williams (above).

The Green Flag award ceremony held at St Fagans National History Museum, celebrated the efforts of many volunteers and community groups throughout Wales to bring their local green spaces up to the high standards needed for accessibility and quality.

The life of Mrs Beeton

THE September meeting of Vale NFU ladies began the new winter season with chairperson Ann Rees welcoming members after the summer break.

An interesting talk was given on the life and work of Isabella Mary Beeton, universally known as the author of Mrs Beeton's Book on Household Management and one of the best known writers of the Victorian era.

Although cut short (she died when

only 28), her life was full and busy. In 1861, her first instalment of the famous book sold over 60,000 copies in its first year and nearly two million by 1868.

As well as recipes, the books contained advice regarding management, childcare, etiquette, entertaining and the employment of servants! The books were illustrated with coloured engravings on nearly every page and was first to format recipes in the layout still used today.

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'Let's all wear it pink for breast cancer research'

SOUTH Wales Central AM, David Melding, has dressed in pink to encourage constituents to take part in Breast Cancer Now's flagship fundraiser, 'wear it pink', on Friday, October 23.

This calls on supporters across the country to ditch the day-to-day colours and wear some pink to raise money for breast cancer research.

Mr Melding joined fellow assembly members in 'wearing it pink'. Now in its 14th year, the campaign raises over £2 million each year for world-class research.

The AM said: "Right now breast cancer is at a



tipping point. Every year around 2,600 women are diagnosed with breast cancer in Wales, and sadly, nearly 600 people still lose their lives to the disease. This is why we all must come together to support Breast Cancer Now's cutting-edge research, and, in 'wear it pink', there is a fun and simple way for everyone to get involved.

"Together, we can make a big difference for women with breast cancer, now and in the future; I hope everyone in the local community will join me in wearing it pink on October 23 and show their support for Breast Cancer Now."

For more information or to register for wear it pink visit www.wearitpink.org.

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Out and About with The GEM

Valeways walks

Sunday, October 11 at 2.30pm, JWM Turner's Trip, starting at Ewenny Priory GR SS 913778.

Wednesday, October 14 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at Cosmeston Country Park visitor centre.

Saturday, October 17 at 10.30am, 'Autumn Forest' starting at Hensol Forest car park.

Sunday, October 18 at

2pm, 'Darganod Dyffryn', Starting at Dyffryn Gardens maes parcio, CF5 6SU.

Monday, October 19 at 11am, 'Back door to Barry Island', starting at Barry Waterfront opposite Morrisons.

Also on October 19 at 2pm, 'Penarth Walk and Ride', starting at Windsor Terrace bus stop, Penarth.

On Tuesday, October 20 at 10am, 'Crwydro', Lliffegil, Y Bontfaen.

Also on October 20 at

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

2.30pm, the coffee shop strollers meet at the town hall, Llanwit Major.

Wednesday, October 21 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap, Barry.

Wednesday, October 28 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at Cosmeston Country Park visitor centre.

Thursday, October 29 at 10am, 'Free coffee!' at the Plough and Harrow pub, Monkknash.

Art Society
ON Thursday, October 8, Cowbridge Art Society will hold a practical session when members are asked to bring along their own materials for a group painting session.

On Thursday, October 16, Penarth painter Guy Woolles will

demonstrate 'Creating Texture with Mixed Medium - Ink Blowing Techniques'.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, 7pm-9pm; visitors and new members are welcome. See www.cowbridgeartsociety.co.uk.

Life is for Today (LIFT)
THE LIFT group offers friendship and support to those affected by breast cancer. It meets in Cowbridge once a fortnight from 10am-1pm for relaxation therapies, or 2pm-4pm for speakers or trips out.

For information, call Anne on 01446 7728434 or Judith on 01446 794176.

Sculptor's talk

ON Saturday, October 10 at 11am in Art Central Gallery, King Square, Barry, Welsh sculptor Dilys Jackson will give a talk to Art Central FRIENDS and the public are invited too.

She has worked in Europe, America, Canada, United Arab Emirates, Scandinavia and Australia.

She has also undertaken commissions and residencies in the UK and Canada, has exhibited in Wales, England and Sweden, and has a retrospective exhibition at Art Central Gallery.

Dilys mainly uses metal and stone to realise forms from nature and the human body.

THE FRIENDS AGM will be held at Barry Island Community Centre, Friars Road at 7.30pm today (October 8). New and present members welcome.

Labour surgery

LABOUR Vale of Glamorgan and Barry Town councillors for Castleland Ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake, Les Sword and Karl Kuhnell, will hold their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, October 10 in the Drop-in Centre, Castleland Community Centre, Bevedere Crescent, Barry fro, 10.30am-12pm.

No appointment necessary; if you need advice but can't attend, contact Coun Elmore on 07867 506 116, or email celmore@valeofglamorg.gov.uk.

Art exhibition
BARUC Art Group are holding an art exhibition on Saturday, October 10, 10am-4pm at All Saints Church Hall, All Saints Church, Barry.

Free admission. Raffle. For further information, contact 01446 640012.

Toys and trains

CARDIFF Toy and Train sale takes place on Saturday, October 10 from 10.30am-3pm in Penarth Leisure Centre, Andrew Road, Cogan, CF64 2NS.

Organiser Chris Dyer said: "We now offer in excess of 120 tables at the show, and these are operated by more than 50 traders from all over the UK."

Telephone 01643 702757, 07966 694579 or see website www.chrisdyerfairs.co.uk for more information.

Community council meeting

ST BRIDES MAJOR Community Council's monthly meeting will take place on Monday, October 12 at 7pm in All Saints Church, Southerndown. All welcome.

History society talks

THE Dinas Powys History Society holds its first winter talk on Tuesday, October 13 at Kynance Hall, Dinas Powys.

7.30pm.

Mrs Sally Maybe will speak on the Bayeaux Tapestry, followed by the AGM. All are welcome; for information, telephone 02920 513524.

Sight session

AGE CONNECTS Cardiff and Vale is holding a health information session at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on October 13 (10am-12pm) when you can talk to an adviser from Cardiff Blind Institute.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Cheaper bills

CYD Cymru Collective Energy Switch in 2014 helped over 3,600 householders switch to a cheaper energy tariff saving homes in Wales.

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Tickets (£8) in aid of the RNLI, available from the Lifeboat Shop, Penarth Esplanade, from 10am-12pm on Friday, October 9, Saturday, October 10 and Monday, October 12.

Local author at book festival

RON POWELL of Barry is one of 15 writers appearing at a local author showcase in All Saints Main Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, between 10am and 12 noon on Saturday, October 17.

The event, part of the Penarth Book Festival, will give people a chance to meet the authors.

Ron (60), who lives on Barry Island, will talk on self-publishing.

Penarth Book Festival runs from October 11-18 www.penarthbookfestival.org.

Art show

AN exhibition of paintings by Barry artist Brian Jones at the Travellers Gallery on Platform 1 at Barry Station is open from Monday to Friday, 7am-12 noon.

His acrylic, watercolours, collage and pen drawings are based on his local environment - including the Heritage Coast and local scenes - as expressed in the title of this show 'Boats and Trains and...'

Diabetes UK

THE Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK group will meet on Tuesday, October 20 from 7.30pm-9pm in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth, when Catrin Hall from Wales Air Ambulance will speak. All welcome.

CAMRA meets

THE Vale and Bridgend branch of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) will meet at the Edmondson Arms, Cowbridge, on October 29 at 8pm; November 21 at the Boar's Head, Penarth, 2pm, Fox and Hounds, St Brides, December 10 at 8pm.

91st chrysanthemums show coming up

THIS year marks the 91st annual show of the Barry and District Chrysanthemum Society.

As in past years, it will be held at the Salem Baptist Church Hall in Beryl Road (doors open at 1.30pm) on October 28.

Exhibitors are invited to bring their exhibits on October 27 between 5.30pm and 8pm or on October 28 from 8.30am to 9.30am. Judging will commence at 10.30am.

Divisions A, B and C will be for the chrysanthemum classes; division D will be for container-grown plants; division E will be for domestic items, ranging from biscuits, cakes, gateau, marmalade, jams, etc.; division F is the handicrafts section.

Anyone wishing to enter should contact K Williams at 27 Regent Street for an entry form, or telephone 01446 741733 for a form. Alternatively, turn up on October 27 at Salem Baptist Church Hall between 5.30pm-8pm.

Ty Hafan winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D899.

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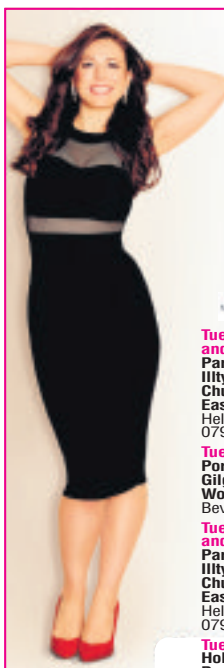
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YR wythnos hon bum yn cymryd rhan mewn sgwrs ar Radio Cymru ac yn ystod y drafodaeth codwyd y pwynt bod llai o bobl bellach yn darllen Cymraeg, boed yn gylchgronnau, yn wefannau neu'n lyfrau.

Diolch eto felly i bapur y Gem am roi gofod misol i'r iaith. Er mai papur lleol yw'r Gem mae ganddo gylchrediad eang ac mae'n hynod boblogaidd felly mae sicrhau lle amlwg i'r Gymraeg ynddo yn fwy gwerthfawr nag erioed.

A dyma gwestion pwysig godwyd hefyd: a yw hi'n ddyletswydd arnom i gefnogi papurau neu gylchgronnau Cymraeg fel, er enghraifft, Y Cymro neu Golwg? Yn sicr heb ddwyd byddai Cymru a'r Gymraeg dipyn tlotach. Ond ie - am air diflas - dyletswydd medd y geiriadur yw yr hyn a ofynnir neu a ddisgwylir gan rywun neu rywraig mewn cyd-destun moesol. Does dim son am fawr o sbort fanna!

Ag eto, mae ddyletswydd hefyd yn gallu bod yn fuddiol o ran rhoi pwrpas i rywun mewn bywyd. Er enghraifft, anodd credu - ond mae'n debyg mai rhai o bobl mwyaf anhapus y byd yw'r biliwyddion! Mae ganddynt gymaint o arian mae gwerth bywyd wedi cael ei gollu. A dychmygwch sut fywyd yw bod yn Sais neu'n Saesnes yn Lloegr, heb unrhyw bwysau ar ysgwyddau i boeni am barhad iaith a diwylliant. Felly oes yna blesur yn gallu dod gyda



dyletswydd hefyd? O leia mae pwrpas i fywyd pawb sy'n siarad Cymraeg gyda iaith leiafrifol i'w gwarchod a'i hamddiffyn, a does dim rhaid gwneud mwy o ymdrech na'i siarad oherwydd hynny yn y pendraw sy'n cadw iaith yn fyw.

Ond hefyd pa ffordd haws i wneud ein pwt bach ni na phrynu Y Cymro, bagen am 50 cenioig a/neu Golwg sydd hefyd yn gylchgrawn diddorol rhad. Mae siop WG Davies yn y Bontfaen yn eu gwerthu ac mae prynu o siop fach leol yn help i economi lleol hefyd. Ac wrth gynyddu gwerthiant (ac yn yr un modd os byddai mwy o bobl yn gwylio S4C) byddai tipyn llai o le i fygwth lleihau arian i'r Gymraeg gan rheiny sydd a'r grym i wneud hynny. Un cappuccino llai yr wythnos yn talu am y ddau - gwerth am arian go iawn!

Cymrodorion Y Barri

NOS Fawrth Hydref 20fed - am 7.15pm Ffestri Capel Tabernacl Y Barri. Noson ddifrif yng nghwmni tîm cynhyrchu y ddwy gyfres i ddysgwyr ar S4C - Cariad@Iaith a Dal Ati. Croeso cynnes iawn i bawb.

Cornel y Dysgwyr Cegin Bryn

DYCH chi'n nabad rhywun sy'n tyfu llysiau yn eu ardd neu rhandir?

Ydych? Wel, byddwch chi'n gwybod bod weithiau mae gormod o llysiau a mae'n anodd defnyddio popeth. Mae cyfres 'Cegin Bryn' am llysiau yn wych os mae gormod o llysiau gyda chi. Mae pob rhaglen yn y gyfres yn canolbwyntio ar un llysieuyn ac mae Bryn yn dangos i chi sut dych chi'n gallu gwneud y cwsr cyntaf, prif gwsr a pwddin gyda'r llysieuyn. Mae Bryn yn ceginio bwyd syml fel salad corbwmpen a bwyd sy'n anodd i'w wneud fel tarten rhiwbob a confit coes hwyaden. Dych chi'n gallu darllen am y rhaglen a'r bwyd ar y we (www.s4c.cymru/ceginbryn) a hefyd mae Bryn wedi ysgrifennu llyfr am y rhaglenni. Mae'r mwyafrif o'r bwyd yn edrych yn hyfryd ond dwi ddim eisiau blasu pwddin gyda pys, siwgr a hufen chwipio!

Mae'r gyfres yn diddoriol iawn achos bod Bryn yn ceginio mewn lleoedd gwahanol. Mae e'n gweithio yn y cegin fel arfer, ond weithiau mae e'n ceginio yn ei ardd gyda barbeci. Mae Bryn yn meddwl bod llysiau lleol yn mwy blasus, felly mae e'n siarad gyda arddwyr lleol yn mhob rhaglen. Mae cyfres hwn wedi bod yn ffilmio yn gogledd Cymru felly mae cyfle i weld cefn wlad Cymru hefyd. Mae e'n hyfryd!

Dw i'n dysgu Cymraeg wrth gwrs. Ydy 'Cegin Bryn' yn gallu fy helpu gyda'r Gymraeg? Mae Bryn yn defnyddio geiriau yr ydym yn ei ddefnyddio pob dydd fel padell, cylllell, halen, papur ac ar ôl tair rhaglen rwy'n dechrau cofio'r geiriau! Hefyd dw i'n gallu deall yn well achos dwi'n gallu gweld beth sy'n digwydd! Ond mae e'n anodd i ddysgu Cymraeg gyda Bryn hefyd - mae e'n siarad gyda acen gogledd Cymru a weithiau mae e'n anodd deall e!

Dw i wedi mwynhau edrych ar 'Cegin Bryn'. Mae'n ddiddoriol - nawr dw i'n gallu ceginio llawer o fwyd gyda pys, rhiwbob a gorpumpen! Mae wedi hefyd fy helpu gyda fy Nghymraeg! Diolch yn fawr Bryn!

Jan Hill-Tout (Sylfaen 1)

Gwaith arbennig fan hyn gan Jan Hill-Tout bydd yn ennill tocyd am ddim i ddod i Gwrs Sadwrn yng Nghanolfan Dysgu Gydol Oes yn Palmerston ar y 3ydd o Hydref. Cofiwch os dych chi eisiau dod i ddysgu Cymraeg am 4 awr dan y thema o Mabinogi mae croeso i chi ddod! Am fwy o wybodaeth ewch i: <https://welshforadults.car> diff.ac.uk/learning/courses/search?location=Barry &duration=6&level=All &=&Search.

SIR Ridley Scott may be turning 78 this year, but he has shown a work ethic and hunger that would put a man half his age to shame.

Having directed 12 films since the turn of the century, his 13th, coming just 10 months after *Exodus: Gods and Kings*, is *The Martian*.

Based on the book by Andy Weir, it tells the story of Mark Watney (Matt Damon), an astronaut left abandoned on Mars after being presumed killed in an accident. Stranded on the planet, Watney attempts to survive and try to contact Earth to let them know he is still alive, a task that is far greater than even he could have imagined...

A man suffers an accident which sees him left abandoned, seemingly without hope, but determined to make the best of his situation and make his way back home. Yes, *The Martian* is a story that takes more than a passing nod to its cinematic brother-in-arms *Castaway*, but if you ignore how it cleaves closely to the Tom Hanks-starrer then you'll find yourself completely engrossed and absorbed by a tale of how indefatigable the human spirit can be when pushed to the brink.

The film doesn't rest solely on the shoulders of Matt Damon's stranded botanist; you have his crew, unaware that the man they thought was dead is actually alive and kicking, while ground control, upon discovering that Watney is still up there, conjure up ideas and plans to bring their boy home.

It all adds up to a thoroughly engaging piece, a film where you can't help but root for Watney to make it home; you celebrate his every achievement, you are deflated by his every failure or problem.

It helps that, in Matt Damon, you have an actor who has the gravitas and charisma of a leading man, yet also the everyman quality that makes you want him to succeed.

Given that a large amount of screen time is given over to Watney on his own, Damon holds your attention throughout, and the clever use of a video blog for him to record his thoughts and actions means that we're not left watching him in silence; his every (heavily science-based) move is explained without feeling like an overdose of exposition.

It takes a great actor to keep you rapt like Damon does, and his performance straddles both ends of the emotional spectrum,



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humour and seeing the endless possibilities in what he can achieve tempered by the stark realities of his predicament and whether he'll make it out.

The cast surrounding him are all strong, albeit in smaller roles, the likes of Jeff Daniels, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Benedict Wong and Jessica Chastain all granting depth and quality without having to do a great deal of heavy lifting, and it helps make these earth-bound scenes, where Watney's predicament is played out by scientists battling to help him, ring emotionally true.

This is Ridley Scott's most focused and energised film in a long time; while the director can't be accused of churning out rubbish, his recent films have sometimes struggled

under the weight of their own importance.

Here, however, he services the film with no agenda other than telling the story, and it feels zippier and more full of life than ever.

Scott can do space like no other, but it's in the human element of the film where really shines, Watney growing his own food to survive, the experiments and ideas soundtracked by disco tunes left behind by the crew and the undertone of humour over portentousness all making this a truly wonderful piece of work.

If the conclusion feels a little too pre-ordained (and quite whether or not people would fill Time Square and Trafalgar Square to watch the fate of someone who could possibly die) it's a small niggle in what is an otherwise superb effort; this *Martian* is definitely out of this world!

VERDICT: Ridley Scott's most energised film in quite a while, *The Martian* is an engaging and absorbing tale of survival that sees Matt Damon excel in the lead role. A paean to the ability of the human spirit to battle against the odds, it's a captivating story superbly told. *Highly recommended.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Gravity* (2013), *Castaway* (2000).

Côr Heol y March to launch new CD at Penarth concert



CÔR Heol y March, the children's choir based near Welsh St Donats, current holder of the S4C Côr Cymru (Choir of Wales) title and winner of the Children's Choir of the World prize at the Llangollen International Eisteddfod in 2014, has recorded a new CD for the Sain recording company.

The choir and its musical director, Eleri Roberts, recently went to Acepala studios in Pentrebyr to record 14 songs, which included all the songs from their winning performances in Côr Cymru and at Llangollen and, of course, a few carols for

Christmas!

The CD will be launched in a concert at All Saint's Church in Penarth on Friday, November 13 at 7.30pm.

The choir's guests are soprano Ellen Williams from Cowbridge, and young tenor Rhydian Jenkins from Maesteg, both winners at the Welsh National Eisteddfod this year.

Tickets £8 (adults) and £5 (concession) are available from choir members, or from corheolymarch@gmail.com, or 01446 781858/01446 773280.

The concert proceeds will be donated to Tŷ Hafan, the children's hospice for Wales, based at Sully.

'Court closure will impact on Vale' - AM

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, has submitted objections to the UK Government's proposed closure of Bridgend Magistrates' Court - believing that it will negatively impact on constituents in the Vale.

She explained: "The closure of Bridgend Magistrates' Court follows the closure of the Barry Magistrates' court four years ago, which I campaigned hard to save. "When the Barry court closed, it limited access to justice, forcing people to travel far out of their

town to Cardiff and adding an additional and unnecessary burden. The same will happen when the Bridgend court closes.

"Closing Bridgend court will mean increased costs experienced by the police, local authorities - including the Vale of Glamorgan - youth offending teams, local health bodies and other statutory organisations.

"The closure ultimately endangers local justice for local people, especially the most vulnerable, such as victims of domestic abuse," she argued.

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HOW 500 PEOPLE SUPPORTED SIAN AND VELINDRE ON JOURNEY ACROSS VALE

ON Saturday, September 19, 500 friends, family members, colleagues and fundraisers walked and 'canoed' the 9km from Fontygary in Rhose to Barry Yacht Club in support of an inspirational mother's fight against cancer.

All the money raised was donated to Velindre Cancer Centre.

Sian Laycock's 'Walk or Water' event was organised by her close friend Sarah Thomas, and supported by friends and family.

Sian was overwhelmed by the support shown.

Here you can see some of the many people who made the journey from Rhose to Barry Island.

You can still support Sian and her friends by making a donation at: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/sianswalkorwater>. For more information on Velindre, go to: www.velindrefundraising.com/victoryovercancer.



'Help us fight ovarian cancer'

AS the autumn nights start to draw in, I'm writing to ask your readers to make their nights count, enjoy a few hours with their friends and family – and raise vital funds for Target Ovarian Cancer.

November Nights is Target Ovarian Cancer's new fundraising and awareness campaign. Whether you choose to host a movie marathon, pamper night, a board game evening or put the match on with your friends, you can support women with ovarian cancer and their families.

Ovarian cancer can be devastating. It kills 12 women every single day in the UK and survival rates are among the worst in Europe. We urgently need to secure progress.

All the money raised by your readers will help us to make life better

for women with ovarian cancer. Just £10 (the price of a cinema ticket) could give six newly-diagnosed women a comprehensive guide to ovarian cancer, and £50 (or a meal for two) could enable 100 GPs to update their knowledge of ovarian cancer to help early diagnosis.

Everyone who signs up will get a free November Night kit, which includes a game, balloons, awareness materials, a collection box and goodies to help host the night.

To sign up to November Nights, visit <http://www.targetovariancancer.org.uk/fundraising/november-nights> or call the fundraising team on 0207 923 5474.

Simon Taylor,
Target Ovarian Cancer.

PLOUGHING SOCIETY REPORTS GROWING NUMBER OF MEMBERS

THE Vale of Glamorgan Ploughing and Hedging Society held its committee meeting following this year's Ploughing Match at Llandow on September 13.

The chairman Andrew Studley reported "a very successful event" and thanked Phillip Lougher and family for allowing it to be staged on his ground just outside Llandow. He also thanked all those who helped to make the day so successful, including the stewards and judges.

Over 40 competitors took part, coming from all parts of the country, as well as two teams of horses and their handlers showing how ploughing was done in years gone by.

The secretary reported that the number of spectators who attended the ploughing

match had increased from the previous year and there were also more trade stands.

Membership of the society is growing each year and the chairman pointed out that this will give the society a chance to add to the ploughing classes for 2016.

The treasurer confirmed that the society's finances are in a healthy position and this had been helped by the good weather over the past five years bringing in good numbers of spectators and supporters to the event.

It was noted that sound funding was required in order to carry the society through the possibility of bad weather in future years. Many members have taken up the offer of a five-year membership for £40, making a saving of £10.

Many local members are taking up the art of ploughing and the society will be

putting on classes for juniors, ladies and beginners in future years. In addition the society will either organise ploughing practice days or support such events whenever possible.

It is proposed to hold the 2016 Ploughing Match on September 11, 2016, keeping the event on the second Sunday in September. The venue will be Norton Hall Farm, Ogmere-by-Sea, by permission of Graham David and family.

The society is looking for suitable hedges in the Vale for laying, in addition to the mechanical hedge cutting events which are already part of its events.

Further information can be obtained from the secretary on 01446 710610, or the chairman on 01446 781229.

BASIL GEORGE

The Barry and District Ladies Skittle League results

LATEST results for Barry and District Ladies Skittle League for September 21:

First division: Space Finders (K Harding, J Snooks 33) 331, Special Angels (N Hoy 30) 280; Cigar Ladies (J Wood, A McCarthy 31) 303, Colcot Ladies (C Fenton 340) 265; Castle Bandits (M Cooper, C Evans 24) 251, Breakaways (L Burnett, V Martin 27) 268; Family and Friends (J Crompton 26) 239, Barry Stars (T Johnson 235) 206; Family Affair (C Grubb, J Davies 29) 257, Allsorts (C Griffiths 31) 252.

Second division: Vixen (L Galsworthy 31) 285, Pila Palas (L Brownich 37) 289; Castaways (S Billings 31) 295, Cad Con Fillies (K West 30) 286; Little Devils (J H Jones 23) 227, Rhooze Ravers (J Bishop 26) 209; Rhooze Starlights (N Pullin 25) 225, Witchill Widows (L Spyrour, C Gregory 25) 242; After Eights (I Havard 33), 319, SV Lights (L Norris 32) 336; Red Admiral (M McCarthy 25) 235, C Witchill Weebies (S Lou 23) 203; Clickies (J Williams 33) 332, Merry Makers, 290.

Third division: Westenders (S Somers, T Lambeth 26) 252, Rugby Triers (S Cogbill, J Bellingier, S Blackmoore 27) 237; Persuaders (N Romero 24) 226, Hill Billies (S Bowsher 26) 197; La Belles (R Day 34) 331, Etcetera (P Riddick 35) 264; Fallen Angels (C Phillips 29) 260, Airways Angels (J Naish 27) 256; Friends and Neighbours (C White, B Nicholls 25) 262, Divas (G Govier 27) 233; Roller Coasters (G Giles 28) 226, Twilights (S Davis, C Brown 23) 188; Dolly Mixtures (A Forrest, S Hughes 24) 218, SV Ladies (F Butler 24) 203.

Fourth division: Rebels (S Dawkins 26) 223, Guardian Angels (S Ashton 26) 189; Witchill Wanderers 237, Challengers (J Jones 31) 217; Uptown Girls (A Hobbs 24) 225, Odd Bods (M Melbourne 22) 186; Off The Rails (S Tamplin 26) 222, Aristocats (S Morgan 24) 199; Liberals (R Keene 27) 201, Nite Outers (B Lowrie 26) 214; Socialites (J Fumis 29) 261, Hell Raisers (C Nugent, P Bellingier, C Davies 25) 243; Living On The Spare (R Britton 33) 315, Witches (L Carey 34) 315.

New age group for the Vale's mini footballers

WE are pleased to announce a new year age bracket to the Dinas Powys mini section.

Due to the participation levels growing at a rapid speed, we can now offer under-six football on a Sunday morning, 10am to 11am, at Barry Sports Centre and Astro, running every other week from October 11.

This is free to all clubs in the VoG leagues as we

want to continue the growth and realise the cost involved in running clubs. It's optional and you can take part whenever you want.

It's a great taster to get your teams ready for under-sevens.

If you would like to take part, contact lcf123@hotmail.co.uk.

We would like to thank Legacy Leisure and the Vale Council's Dave Knevett and Gwyn John for facilitating this.

LEE SAUNDERS

Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for October 5:

1st Liam Sheridan & John Beard 68.33%, 2nd Adrian & Diana Trickey 61.04%, 3rd = Marjorie Morris & Linda Pinnock, Irene Thomas & Graham Jones 60.04%. **LE**

NEWS IN BRIEF

Skills course

JEHU Construction Group, in partnership with Barry Communities First and Newydd Housing Association, is running a construction skills certification scheme training course for job seekers.

If you are interested in attending this two-day course, there is an information session taking place on Tuesday, October 13, 10am-12pm at Barry Job Centre. To book a place on this information session, please contact Angelina 01446 709103.

Island story

A TALK entitled Flatholm – The History & Story of the Island by Peter Sampson at 7.30pm today (October 8) at the All Saints Lesser Hall, Penarth. New members are always welcome.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009 PART 4: MARINE LICENSING APPLICATION FOR A MARINE LICENCE TO CONSTRUCT AN ARMOURSTONE REVETMENT AT HARBOUR ROAD, BARRY

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Part 4, Chapter 1, Section 68 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 that VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL has applied to Natural Resources Wales, acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority, for a marine licence to CONSTRUCT AN ARMOURSTONE REVETMENT AT HARBOUR ROAD, BARRY

The application and plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at The Alps, Wenvoe, CF5 6AA

Representations or objections in respect of the application should be made in writing to: Marine Licensing Team, Cardiff Permitting Centre, Natural Resources Wales, 29 Newport Road, Cambria House, Cardiff, CF24 0TP, or e-mail marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

Representations or objections should be made within 28 days of the date of this notice, quoting reference: CML1536

In your representation/objection please include an address to which correspondence may be sent.

Natural Resources Wales, acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority, will pass to the applicant a copy of any representation or objection received.

Dated the 8th day of October 2015

M. E. Punter

Director of Visible Services & Housing

Vale of Glamorgan Council,

The Alps, Wenvoe, CF5 6AA.



The Vale of Glamorgan Council (ST LYTHANS ROAD AND UN-NAMED LANES, DUFFRYN) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel in the locations specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location 1 St Lythans Road, from its junction at grid 309418 172000 to the west of Home Farm and continuing in a northeasterly direction to the junction with Duffryn Lane at grid 309909 172270. A distance of approximately 580m.

Alt Route Diversions for south west bound traffic during the above closure will be signed from the point of closure in a generally northerly direction along Dyffryn Lane to its junction with the A48 at St Nicholas and turning left onto the A48, then proceeding in a generally westerly direction its junction with Sycamore Cross, then turning left onto the A4226 Five Mile Lane (Waycock Road) and continuing along this road, to the junction at grid 307863 171534 adjacent to a property known as Whitton Lodge and turning right, then proceeding in a north easterly direction to the end of the closure at grid 309418 172005, and visa-versa.

Location 2 The un-named lane that extends in a generally north easterly direction from the junction at grid 308830 170490 adjacent to a property known as Northcliff Rise, to the junction at grid 309416 172000, to the west of a property known as Home Farm.

Alt Route Diversions for south west bound traffic during the above closure will be signed from the point of closure in a generally south westerly direction from Holm Farm along the un-named lane to the A4226 Five Mile Lane (Waycock Road) to the junction at grid 307863 171534 adjacent to a property known as Whitton Lodge and turning left, then proceeding in a southerly direction to the junction at grid 308021 170578 adjacent to Northcliff Cottage, then turning left and continuing on to the southern end of the closure, and visa-versa.

Location 3 The un-named lane that extends in a generally easterly direction from the junction with A4226 The Five Mile Lane (Waycock Road) at grid 308021 170578 adjacent to a property known as Northcliff Cottage, to the junction at grid 308830 170490, to the west of a property known as Northcliff Rise. A distance of approximately 840m.

Alt Route Diversions for eastbound traffic during the above closure will be signed from the point of closure in a generally northerly direction along the A4226 Five Mile Lane (Waycock Road) to the junction at grid 307863 171534 adjacent to a property known as Whitton Lodge and turning right, then proceeding in a north easterly direction to the junction at grid 309418 172000 adjacent to Home Farm, then turning right and continuing on to the eastern end of the closure, and visa-versa.

Reason To allow for essential water main renewal works to take place.

Duration From 08:00Hrs on Monday 19th October 2015, for a maximum period of 18 months.

It is intended to implement this closure in three stages as above and it is expected that this work will be completed by 31 January 2016 (it is anticipated that no road closures will be in place over the Christmas period)

NB Access for residents will be maintained at all times though access through the road works for emergency vehicles cannot be maintained.

Pedestrian access shall be maintained at all times.

Dated this 8th day of October 2015.

M. E. Punter,

Director of Visible Services & Housing

Vale of Glamorgan Council,

The Alps Depot,

Wenvoe, CF5 6AA.



Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2015 DEDDF Y MÔR A MYNEDIAD I'R ARFORDIR 2009 RHAN 4: TRWYDDEDU MOROL CAIS AM DRWYDDED FOROL I ADEILADU WAL GYNNAL O GERRIG YN HEOL YR HARBWR, Y BARRI

Hysbysir drwy hyn, yn unol â Rhan 4 pennod 1 Adran 68 Deddf y Môr a Mynediad i'r Arfordir 2009, fod CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG wedi cyflwyno cais i Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru, sy'n gweithredu ar ran yr Awdurdod trwyddedu, am drwydded forol i ADEILADU WAL GYNNAL O GERRIG YN HEOL YR HARBWR, Y BARRI

Gellir gweld y cais a'r cynlluniau sy'n dangos safle'r gwaith yn Yr Alpai, Gwenvô, CF5 6AA

Dylid cyflwyno sylwadau neu wrthwynebiadau ysgrifenedig parthed y cais hwn i'r Tim Trwyddedu Morol, Canolfan Drwyddedu Caerdydd, Tŷ Cambria, 29 Heol Casnewydd, Caerdydd CF24 0TP, neu yrru e-bost at marinelicensing@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk.

Dylid cyflwyno sylwadau neu wrthwynebiadau cyn pen 28 diwrnod o ddyddiad y rhybudd hwn, gan ddyfynnu cyfeirnod: CML1536

Dylech gynnwys yn eich sylw/gwrthwynebiad gyfeiriad y gellir anfon goglebiaeth iddo.

Bydd Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru, gan weithredu ar ran yr Awdurdod Trwyddedu, yn trosglwyddo i'r ymgydd gopi o'r sylw neu wrthwynebiad a dderbynnir.

Dyddiedig 8 Hydref 2015

M. E. Punter

Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai

Cyngor Bro Morgannwg

Canolfan yr Alpai, Gwenvô CF5 6AA



Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2014 (ST LYTHANS ROAD A FFYRDD DIENW, Y DYFFRYN) (CAU'R FFFORDD DROS DRO) GORCHYMYN 2015

Mae'n fwiad gan Gyngor Bro Morgannwg gyhoeddi Gorchymyn, yn unol â'i bwerau o dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffordd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd), ac â'r holl bwerau perthnasol eraill, o fewn dim llai na saith niwrnod, ac effaith hyn fydd i'r gweithredoedd a ddisgrifir yn yr atodiadau isod gael eu cyflawni:

ATODIAD 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel in the locations specified in Schedule 2 below.

ATODIAD 2

Lleoliad 1 St Lythans Road, o'i chyffordd ar gyfeirnod grid 309418 172000 i ochr orllewinol Home Farm a chan barhau i gyfeiriad y gogledd-ddwyrain i'r gyffordd â Duffryn Lane, cyfeirnod grid 309909 172270, pellter o tua 580m.

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Lleoliad 2 Y lôn ddienw sy'n estyn tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â'r cyfeirnod grid 308830 170490 ger llaw eiddo a elwir Northcliff Rise, i'r gyffordd â'r cyfeirnod grid 309416 172000, i'r gorllewin o eiddo a elwir Home Farm.

Flordd Amgen Tra bydd y flordd uchod ar gau, bydd arwyddion gwyrriad traffig sy'n teithio i'r de-orllewin yn cael eu gosod o'r pwynt lle mae'r flordd yn cau tua'r gogledd ar hyd yr A4226 Five Mile Lane (Waycock Road) hyd at y gyffordd â'r cyfeirnod grid 307863 171534 ger eiddo a elwir Whitton Lodge a throi i'r chwith. Yna parhau tua'r de hyd at y gyffordd â'r cyfeirnod grid 308021 170578 ger Northcliff Cottage, yna troi i'r chwith a pharhau nes cyrraedd pen deheuol gweithfeydd sy'n cau'r flordd, ac i'r gwrthwyneb.

Lleoliad 3 Y lôn ddienw sy'n estyn tua'r dwyrain o'r gyffordd â'r A4226 Five Mile Lane (Waycock Road) a chyfeirnod grid 308021 170578, ger eiddo a elwir Northcliff Cottage, i'r gyffordd â'r cyfeirnod grid 308830 170490, ar ochr orllewinol eiddo a elwir Northcliff Rise, pellter o tua 840m.

Flordd amgen Tra bydd y flordd uchod ar gau, bydd arwyddion gwyrriad traffig sy'n teithio tua'r dwyrain yn cael eu gosod o'r pwynt lle mae'r flordd yn cau tua'r gogledd ar hyd yr A4226 Five Mile Lane (Waycock Road) hyd at y gyffordd â'r cyfeirnod grid 307863 171534 ger eiddo a elwir Whitton Lodge a throi i'r dde, yna parhau tua'r gogledd-orllewin i'r gyffordd â'r cyfeirnod grid 309418 172000 ger Home Farm, yna troi i'r dde a pharhau hyd nes cyrraedd pen dwyreiniol y gweithfeydd, ac i'r gwrthwyneb.

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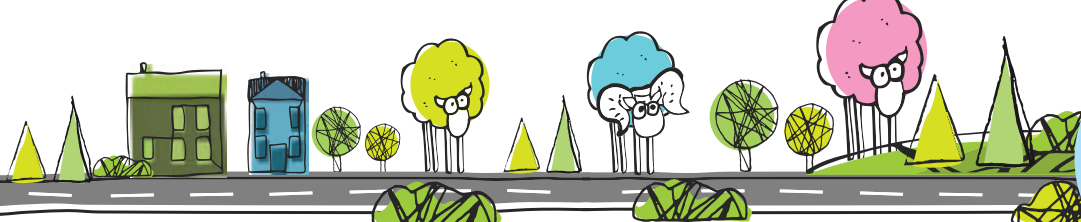


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Family Notices (Continued on Page 38)

WOGGY

Warren Pemberton

7 October 2012

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PHYLLIS LEE

Wishing our very special great grandma, Nanny Lee, a safe journey to heaven. She was loving, generous, and, above all, a perfect role model. We will miss her so much, and she will remain in our hearts forever.

Declan, Aidan, Floss, Evie, Holly, Abby, Fintan, Max, Tegan, Hattie, and Ruby xxx

Birthday Memories

PHYLLIS LEE

*We sat beside your bedside,
 Our hearts were crushed and sore,
 We did our best to the end until we could do no more,
 In tears we watched you sinking,
 We watched you fade away.
 And though our hearts were breaking,
 We knew you could not stay,
 You left behind some aching hearts,
 That loved you most sincere;
 We never shall or never will forget you Nanny dear.*

A mother's love is a blessing...
 We'll miss you now you're gone. Rest in peace.
 Natalee, Jon, Hayley, Malcolm & little Ellie,
 Cory, Logan and Ashton with Carol and Dave xxx

MILLER

Rhodri Dafydd



*Death leaves a heartache
 that no one can heal,
 Love leaves a memory that
 no one can steal,
 We cherish every memory
 with tears we call your name,
 We will always love and miss
 you in a world that's just not
 the same.*

Happy 18th Son on 11 October 2015
 Love Mum, Dad & Iestyn xxx

Phyllis Lee Nanny

*Simple words but
 very true, we will
 always love and
 remember you.
 A happy face, a
 heart of gold, no
 finer nanny this
 world could hold.*
 Love Andrew, Sian,
 Emma & James xx

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HUMPHRIES

Alan

*Happy 60th Birthday.
 We send this message just to let you
 know that we still miss you.
 Love Sue, Stewart & Gemma. xxx*

Birthdays

Megan Johnson

13 Today!

8th October 2015

Lots of love from Nan, Dad, Luke,
 Lesley, Lewis and Lily xxx

Birthday

Linda Gill

Congratulations on your 50th Birthday

12th October 2015
All my love from Mum and the family xxx

Happy 18th Birthday ALEX

With love from Mum,
 Dad, Katie, Holly,
 Carys-Rachel,
 Zoe, Grandma,
 Grandad and
 Godparents
 Suzanne and Ali xxx

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Family Notices

DAVIES

Gail Audrey (nee Thomas)

Peacefully on Tuesday, 29th September at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Gail of Heol y Blodau, Bridgend. Devoted wife of Lyn. Much loved mam of Adrian. A loving daughter of Tom and a dear sister.

Friends please meet for service on Tuesday, 13th October in Coychurch Crematorium at 12 noon. Family flowers only by request but donations in lieu may be sent direct to Cancer Research Wales, Velindre Hospital, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF14 2TL or may be given on the day.

All enquiries to Rosemount Funeral Home, Bridgend, telephone 01656 653156.

NIXON

Gerald (Gerry)

Died in the grace of God on October 1. Deeply mourned by wife Beryl, daughter and son-in-law Mandy and Stephen, son Daryl and daughter-in-law Helen, all the grandchildren and little great grandchildren.

May he rest in peace.

Funeral service to be held at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Dinas Powys on Friday, October 16 at 12 noon, thereafter to St. Andrew's Cemetery. All flowers and enquiries to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE. Tel (029) 20 514627.

KEYES

Linda

Peacefully on October 4 at Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth, Linda, aged 59 years and cherished Mum to Lauren sadly passed away. Loving sister of Susan, Diane, Gerald and the late Graham. Sister-in-law to Anthony and Debbie.

Linda will be dearly missed by all her family and many friends.

Resting in the private chapel of the Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Wednesday, October 14 at 11am. Floral tributes may be sent to the funeral home.

Further enquiries to Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, 01446 407962

HARRIES

Richard (Dick)

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of Richard at home on September 30. Dearly loved husband of Sally, much loved father to Laura and Sophie, he will be sadly missed by his mother Betty, brother Derek, John and Bryan, all his family and everyone who knew him in and around Barry.

Funeral to be held at Barry Crematorium on Friday, October 16 at 2pm. Family flowers only, but donations to St Mungo's Broadway can be sent via Park Funeral Directors, 7 Tynwydd Road, Barry, CF62 8HB.

CHAPMAN

Peter

(Dinas Powys)

Passed away peacefully on 26th September. Beloved husband, father and grandfather.

Funeral service to be held at Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Wednesday, October 14 at 2pm. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, may be made to Marie Curie Hospice, Holme Towers.

All enquires to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE. Tel (029) 2051 4627.

CLOSE

Betty

Ken and family wish to thank everyone who attended Betty's service, and a special thank you to all at Bethel Baptist Church. A sincere thank you to pastor Matt Emerton for his personal and touching words of comfort.

The family also wish to thank all residents and carers of Golau Caregig, Gladstone Road for their support over the past 10 months and during this difficult time. Finally thank you to Lyndsay @ The Vale Funeral Service

DUNGLINSON

Ian

Peacefully on Monday, September 28 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, aged 74 years. Beloved eldest son of Mrs Jean Dunglison and the late Mr Ted Dunglison of Hayton, Carlisle. Dearly loved friend, father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law and uncle.

Funeral Friday, October 9, 12.30pm at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge. Family flowers only, but if desired donations in lieu to NSPCC.

BRADFIELD

Thomas John (Jack)

Peacefully on October 3 at Llandough Hospital, Thomas John (Jack) I.D.T.A., aged 95 years, well known sequence dance teacher of Penarth. Dearest uncle of John, Carole and Gwyneth.

Jack will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry. Funeral service and committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry where family and friends please meet on Tuesday, 13 October at 2pm. No flowers by request, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Velindre Hospital.

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Smart new look for Bryn Hafren pupils!



BRYN HAFREN pupils at Barry have made an impressive start to the new school year and parents, staff and members of the public have all noted how smart the girls look in their new uniform.

The uniform is not the only positive thing, with the school's attendance over 96 per cent and more than 400 pupils having already taken part in extra-curricular activities.

Year-7 celebrated the work of Roald Dahl this week in the annual Dahlicious Day where they were allowed to dress up as their favourite Roald Dahl character: 7RB also started this year's fundraising by holding a Cake Break raising £86.

Year-11 have been looking at the refugee crisis as part of their PSE lessons; 11SP were particularly moved by the current situation in Syria, so they helped Miss L Banks form a large collection of items, including clothing, toiletries and nappies.

It is no surprise that staff and pupils were so generous in donating items and supporting this cause. Fundraising at Bryn Hafren is a long-standing tradition, particularly Cake Breaks, and last year was no exception – s pupils raised almost £7,000 through various activities.

It has been a busy half term at Bryn Hafren: Sixth Form art students were enriched by visiting Banky's Dismaland. The athletes were preparing for the cross country season, having already hosted the first race when 13 Bryn Hafren athletes took part. Ffion Spence, 8JW ranked an impressive 36 in the year-8 and 9 race.

Finally, the linguists, dancers, musicians and chefs were kept busy preparing for the official opening of the modern foreign languages centre of excellence on October 7.

This will lead to the MFL faculty providing training to all MFL teachers within the Central South Consortia and from over 50 secondary schools.

SALLY PAULAKIS



Year-11's collection for Syria.



Dressing up as Roald Dahl characters.

Art with a message

SHOWING at the Barry Library until October 31 is 'Metamorphosis', a transformative exhibition of artwork and poetry from the Barry branch of Recovery Cymru.

All the work on display is by local members of Recovery Cymru; a mutual-aid and self-help charity that supports people recovering from forms of addiction, including alcohol and drug dependency.

The stories told within the artwork show the stages from seemingly hopeless addiction, to the road to recovery out of it. The exhibition contains moving, intensely personal and powerful experiences distilled into words and images. We believe the artwork contains a message that is ultimately hopeful and inspiring.

This remarkable exhibition is proof

that however dark a life blighted by addiction may seem, there are ways out, there are people who understand, and have made the journey themselves, and want to reach out and help others.

Recovery Cymru member Elaine commented: "This work has opened the way to rediscover my potential as an artist. I hope the exhibition helps others to see addiction in a different light; to see the people and not just the problem."

Gail, another exhibiting artist added: "RC has helped me to find the real me, the person beyond all the issues I've struggled with. I think the artwork shows that every person has a story to tell, and deserves some consideration."

All are welcome. Please come along to find out more information about Recovery Cymru, or simply to enjoy the artwork on display. **AL**

Multiple collision leads to delays in Aberthaw area

THERE were long delays on the roads in the Aberthaw area on Saturday, October 3, following a four-vehicle collision.

A spokeswoman for the Ambulance Service said: "We were called at 12.28pm to a multi-vehicle road traffic collision in the Aberthaw area.

"We sent a rapid response car, three emergency ambulances, and a BASICS doctor to the scene.

"One person was taken to the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend and one person was taken to the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff."

Appointment of new headteacher at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg

HYWEL PRICE has been appointed as the new headteacher of Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg.

He will take up the post from January 1, 2016, succeeding Dr Dylan Jones, who leaves the school in December.

Mr Price is currently headteacher of Ysgol Gyfun Rhydywaun, a role he has undertaken for the past five years.

Robert Evans, the chair of governors, said: "I am delighted to be announcing Hywel Price's appointment. He has undertaken a number of senior leadership roles over the last 15 years and is an experienced headteacher with a proven track record.

"I was really impressed with Hywel's passion for the role and his vision for the school which will be important as we meet the many opportunities and challenges ahead."

Mr Price said: "Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg is a very successful school and I am thrilled to have been appointed headteacher.

"Leading a school that has a three to 19 age range

Homes scheme is progressing well in Llandough

HAFOD Housing Association, in partnership with the Vale Council and contractors M & J Cosgrove Ltd, say they are "progressing well" on a £1.6m affordable housing development in Llandough.

The new scheme in Dochdwy Road will transform a former derelict site into 18 much-needed affordable homes in an area of high demand in the Vale.

The new one and two-bedroom apartments will

be available for affordable rent and are due for completion early in 2016.

They will be built to level 3 of the Code for Sustainable Homes and will have a range of energy and cost saving features to help reduce running costs for occupiers.

The project is funded by a mixture of the Welsh Government's innovative Housing Finance Grant and Private Finance arranged by Hafod.

Community coffee event raises funds for Macmillan

NEARLY 30 people attended, and £50 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support, at the Barry Community Garden 'coffee and cake morning' on September 25 in Gibbonsdown.

Now managed by Newydd Housing Association and owned by the Vale Council, Barry Community Garden is located off Dyfnallt Road, next to Pencoeedre Splash Park.

Garden manager, Lisa Williams, said: "It was lovely to see local people enjoying our garden and basking in the sunshine.

"Our aim is to offer more opportunities for the local community to



join us, whether it is volunteering, taking part in a course or visiting with friends or family."

For more information, contact Lisa Williams on lisa.williams@newydd.co.uk or call 07501 468694. Search for the garden on Facebook, looking for Newydd Barry Community Garden and Allotment.

Care & Repair in recent merger

ON July 1, Care & Repair Cardiff and Care & Repair in the Vale merged together to form Care & Repair Cardiff and the Vale.

Care & Repair Cardiff and the Vale is a charitable organisation that exists to support older people in Cardiff and the Vale to repair, adapt or maintain their homes.

If you are interested in having a home visit from a caseworker or some advice on maintenance, repairs and adaptations or finding out more about the charity's services, call them on 02920 473337, or email careandrepair@crvc.org.uk.

Manics raise funds for Velindre

ALONGSIDE fellow Manic Street Preacher, Sean Moore, James Dean Bradfield will be trekking in Patagonia for charity as part of the official 150th anniversary celebrations of Welsh

settlers arriving in South America.

It will raise funds for the Velindre Cancer Centre in Cardiff, where James has been a patron for eight years and as part of his fundraising for the Patagonia trek, he donated an original seven-inch *Suicide*

Alley single, made when the group were still unsigned and auctioned last week.

Anyone who to support James and Sean's Patagonia Trek should visit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/manicspatagoniatrek/>.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL • CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No: 2015/01066/FUL
Rhif y cais:
Proposal/Cynnig: Rear single storey extension forming kitchen dining room
Location/Lleoliad: 1, Bradenham Place, Penarth
Conservation Area/Ardal Gadwraeth: Penarth

Application No: 2015/01070/RES
Rhif y cais:
Proposal/Cynnig: The development of 119 dwellings and associated access, roads and footpaths, drainage works, landscaping, public open space and other ancillary works (including the demolition of 46 Porthkerry Road and its associated outbuildings
Location/Lleoliad: Land North of the railway line (West), Porthkerry Road, Rhosce

Conservation Area/Ardal Gadwraeth: Affecting the Rhosce

Application No: 2015/01072/RES
Rhif y cais:
Proposal/Cynnig: The development of 231 dwellings with associated access, roads and footpaths, drainage works, landscaping, public open space and other ancillary works
Location/Lleoliad: Land North of the railway line (West), Porthkerry Road, Rhosce

Conservation Area/Ardal Gadwraeth: Affecting the Rhosce

Application No: 2015/01103/FUL
Rhif y cais:
Proposal/Cynnig: New side/rear ground floor extension for family dayroom with roof terrace over 5, Hickman Road, Penarth
Location/Lleoliad: Affecting the Penarth
Conservation Area/Ardal Gadwraeth:

Application No: 2015/01135/FUL
Rhif y cais:
Proposal/Cynnig: Demolition of existing detached garage and bunker to rear of garden and construction of new detached garage
Location/Lleoliad: 7, Lower Cwrt Y Vil Road, Penarth
Conservation Area/Ardal Gadwraeth: Affecting the Penarth

Listed Building Consent/Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No: 2015/00968/LBC
Rhif y cais:
Proposal/Cynnig: Installation of log burning stove in the chapel to improve the heating in the winter months
Location/Lleoliad: Bryn Sion Chapel House, Penylan Road, St. Brides Major

Listed Building/Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No: 2015/00968/FUL
Rhif y cais:
Proposal/Cynnig: Replacement of existing first floor conservatory with two storey infill to east side of front elevation. Construction of matching infill on west side of front elevation
Location/Lleoliad: Springbank Nursing Home, College Road, Barry
Listed Building/Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting Springbank Nursing Home, Grade II

Application No: 2015/01027/OUT
Rhif y cais:
Proposal/Cynnig: Demolish existing dwelling and construct two new dwellings with associated parking
Location/Lleoliad: Orchard Rise, 6, Penlan Road, Llandough
Listed Building/Adeilad Rhestredig: Affecting Pound Cottage, 2 Penlan Road, Llandough Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No: 2015/00995/OUT
Rhif y cais:
Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed tourist (tree tent) accommodation development on land adjacent to Woodside Hamlet
Location/Lleoliad: Woodside Hamlet, Ham Manor, Llantwit Major

Application No: 2015/01070/RES
Rhif y cais:
Proposal/Cynnig: The development of 119 dwellings and associated access, roads and footpaths, drainage works, landscaping, public open space and other ancillary works (including the demolition of 46 Porthkerry Road and its associated outbuildings
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May affect a Public Right of Way Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

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Application(s) with Environmental Statement/ Cais (au) gyda Datganiad Amgylcheddol

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8 Proposed development at Land at North West Cowbridge.

I give notice that Commercial Estates Group and Mr. J.G.R. Homfray, is applying to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for Planning Permission to Detailed Permission for the construction of a link road connecting Cowbridge bypass with Llantwit Major including footpaths/cycleways landscaping and associated engineering works. Outline permission with all matters reserved other than access for a mixed use residential led development - AMENDED SCHEME - increase in the maximum number of units that could be accommodated on the site from 390 to 475.

The proposal has been submitted with an environmental statement which can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain a paper copy of the Non Technical Summary at a charge of £15.00 or a CD-Rom of the Environmental Statement at a charge of £30.00 from Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners, Helmont House, Churchill Way, Cardiff. CF10 2HE (Tel: 02920 435880) so long as stocks last.

Members of the public may inspect copies of:

- The application.
- The plans.
- The environmental statement.
- Other documents submitted with the application.

at the address given below during all reasonable hours until 29 October, 2015.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below by 29 October 2015 quoting reference 2014/01505/OUT.

HYSBYSIAD O DAN ERTHYGL 8 Datblygiad arfaethedig yn Land at North West Cowbridge

Hysbysir trwy hyn Commercial Estates Group and Mr. J.G.R. Homfray, n gwneud cais i Gyngor Bro Morgannwg am Ganiatâd Cynllunio ar gyfeirad Ddetailed Permission for the construction of a link road connecting Cowbridge bypass with Llantwit Major including footpaths/cycleways landscaping and associated engineering works. Outline permission with all matters reserved other than access for a mixed use residential led development - AMENDED SCHEME - increase in the maximum number of units that could be accommodated on the site from 390 to 475

Cafodd y cynnig ei gyflwyno gyda datganiad amgylcheddol sydd ar gael i'w ddarllen yn y cyfeiriad isod. Members of the public may obtain a paper copy of the Non Technical Summary at a charge of £15.00 or a CD-Rom of the Environmental Statement at a charge of £30.00 from Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners, Helmont House, Churchill Way, Cardiff. CF10 2HE (Tel: 02920 435880) so long as stocks last.

Caiff aelodau o'r cyhoedd hysbysu ddarllen copïau o'r:

- cais;
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yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau rhesymau tan 29 October, 2015.

Dylai unrhyw un sydd am wneud sylwadau ar y cais ysgrifennu at Bennaeth Cynllunio a Chludiant y cyngor (gwelwch y dudalen ar waelod y dudalen) erbyn 29 October 2015 an ddyfynnu'r cyfeiriad 2014/01505/OUT.

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via <http://vonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy <http://vonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Dated / Dyddiedig: 6 October, 2015

**M. Goldsworthy
Operational Manager Development & Building Control,
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT**

NEWS IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM AT YSGOL GYMRAEG SANT BARUC



ABOVE: The Ysgol St Baruc school choir sang at the Macmillan coffee morning.



Royal Mint coined it in for Ty Hafan on cycle challenge!

PICTURED RIGHT: (left to right), Wendy Collie, business and community fundraiser, Ty Hafan; Alison Stannard, head of business and community fundraising, Ty Hafan; Paul Watts, The Royal Mint; Liz Lewis, The Royal Mint; Megan Baldwin, The Royal Mint and Jeremy Jackson, acting CEO for Ty Hafan.



MORE than 70 members of staff from The Royal Mint took part in a week-long challenge to raise money for Ty Hafan, the mint's 'Staff Charity of the Year'.

Some staff at Llantrisant cycled for up to an hour to help raise funds for Ty Hafan. The challenge raised an impressive £924.69 and brings the total amount raised for the charity to date to more than £20,000.

The Royal Mint's chief executive, Adam Lawrence said: "We are delighted at the enthusiasm and generosity shown by the employees in their fundraising for Ty Hafan."

"Our latest charity cycle challenge brought colleagues together from different departments and encouraged people to donate to this fantastic cause."

"The support that Ty Hafan provides for youngsters and their families is phenomenal". Wendy Collie, business and community fundraiser for Ty Hafan said: "We were delighted to come and see employees at taking part in a fundraising event and see how they have taken the cause of Ty Hafan to their hearts."

"It's a great opportunity for them to gain an insight into the support, comfort and care we offer families at Ty Hafan."

Conservatives in call for a referendum over council merger

THE Welsh Conservatives have announced plans to give local communities in the Vale the final say on local authority mergers.

The move comes as Labour's Local Government (Wales) Bill reaches the National Assembly for its third stage of reading.

Amendments tabled by the Welsh Conservatives mean that residents in the Vale would first have to approve a proposed merger, via a referendum, before it could go ahead.

The Williams Commission recommended that Wales' 22 local authorities should be reduced to 10, 11 or 12 councils - Labour's Public

Services Minister now plans to press on with plans to cut that to eight or nine.

The Vale Council proposed a merger with Bridgend, but, the Welsh Government envisages the Vale joining with the capital city authority, Cardiff Council.

The Leader of the Welsh Conservatives and South Wales Central AM, Andrew RT Davies has said his proposals would ensure power is placed 'firmly in the hands of local residents'.

He said: "Our plans would put power firmly in the hands of local residents in the Vale, ensuring any merger is put to residents via a referendum."

Free courses

GET Back on Track courses are being offered by the Vale Council adult and community learning department and are free to those eligible.

For full details, contact Palmerston centre on 01446 733762, or www.gbotfree.org.

Council's knife-edge vote on car parking charges

A PLAID Cymru motion to scrap town centre car park charges was defeated by just one vote, as the Labour-led Vale Council voted 23 votes to 22 to hold a review of the proposals.

More than a third of councillors spoke during the hour-long debate. For Plaid, Coun Ian Johnson said:

"The Vale Council can carry out a review if they like, based on their transport policy, but the reason for opposition is that these car park charging plans will hinder the economic development and regeneration of Barry."

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Macmillan coffee

ON September 25, Donna Surridge, who is a lunchtime supervisor at Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc, held a Macmillan coffee afternoon at the Barry school, in order to raise funds for the charity.

With the help of both parents and pupils at the school, Donna was successful in raising £500. Thank you for the support of all members of the school community and special thanks to the school choir for entertaining the parents while their purchased lots of cakes!

Celtic warriors!

LAST Tuesday, pupils from year-4 Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc visited St Fagan's museum.

They studied Bryn Eryr, the new Celtic homestead, and pretended to be javelin-throwing Celts!

Everybody had a great day and learned many new facts.

Ymweliad y Meithrin i Gefn Mabli/Nursery Trip to Cefn Mabli

AR ddydd Gwener, Medi'r 25ain fe aeth y dosbarth Meithrin i Fferm Cefn Mabli, yng Nghaerdydd. Roedd hi'n ddiwrnod ardderchog gyda phawb yn mwynhau eu hunain yn fawr iawn.

Roedd yr haul yn gwenu ac roedd y plant wrth eu boddau yn bwydo'r anifeiliaid, marchogaeth ceffylau a chwarae yn y parc a'r ardal chwarae meddal. Diolch i bawb a ddaeth.

On Friday, September 25, the nursery class visited Cefn Mabli Farm in Cardiff.

It was a lovely day and everyone enjoyed themselves. The sun was shining and all the children had fun feeding the animals, horse riding and playing in the park and soft play area.

Thank you to everyone who came. Diolch yn fawr.

St Cyres raises over £520 for Macmillan nurses



The scene at St Cyres' Macmillan coffee morning.

ON Friday, September 25, St Cyres school held a Macmillan coffee morning to raise funds for the charity.

The scent of pastries, sponges and biscuits wafted through the lower floor of St Cyres, with one ordinary classroom transformed into a realm of sweet delights!

At 9.45am, the floor began to shake as hungry staff hurried towards the sugary delicacies. Some stopped for a chat, a cuppa and cake, while others boxed up brownies to take home, or back to their classrooms for later feasting!

Coins and notes were readily dropped into the collection tins.

Prizes were raffled and 'guess the number of spots on the cake' quizzes were arranged for staff and pupils.

At the end of a hectic school day, crumbs and empty cup-cake cases were evidence of the abundance of cakes that had adorned one average classroom that Friday morning, as well as the whopping £520 that had been raised to help the mighty work of Macmillan.

Many thanks to the following for their support and kind donations: Asda, Cardiff Bay; Barry Gate Indian restaurant; the staff of Shaws, Penarth; Roberts James, Poundstretchers; Windsor Gifts; Umpa Lumpa; Polka Dot Door; Rachel Spragg and Beryl Rosser. SB

Gala dinner supports cystic fibrosis centre

THE All Wales Adult Cystic Fibrosis Centre, based at Llandough Hospital, is hosting 'The Better Life Appeal' Gala Dinner on Friday, October 16 at the Mercure Holland House Hotel & Spa, Newport Road, Cardiff, CF24 0DD.

There is a complimentary drink on arrival, a three-course meal, dancing and an auction. Dress is formal.

A spokeswoman said: "Our gala dinner aims to raise urgently needed funds for a new ward in the all Wales Cystic Fibrosis Centre."

For tickets (£45 per person), call Julie or Sarah on 029 2071 5599 or Lorraine on 029 2071 5382; or send an email to lorraine.speight@wales.nhs.uk/lisa.thomas15@wales.nhs.uk

Farmers enjoy the sunshine in Torbay

MEMBERS of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society recently enjoyed three days in the Torbay area, which is renowned for its sunshine and, thankfully it was again in plentiful supply.

Playing for the David Evans (Agriculture) Ltd Trophy over 54 holes on three very different courses proved a tough challenge for the 30 competitors, including one Englishman, Chris Watson; they set off early last Thursday morning full of optimism.

A traditional English breakfast served on arrival at the very welcoming Dainton Park Golf Club just outside Newton Abbot set the scene for the first day's competition, which Keith James won with 36 stableford points.

His travelling companion, Julian Golunski, finished runner-up with 33 points followed into third place by David Williams, also with 33 points with society president Geraint Davies winning the longest drive competition.

Julian continued his good start to the week when winning the second day's competition at Torquay Golf Club when returning with a winning score of 35 points.

Bryan Owen finished runner-up with 34 points



ABOVE (left to right): Julian Golunski, Ray Thomas, society captain Brian Jones, winner Chris Watson with David Williams.

and society captain Brian Jones was third with 31 points with Keith Gibson claiming the longest drive prize.

Unfortunately, a visit to the renowned Cary Arms beachside restaurant in Babbacombe later that evening for a superb meal seemed to have an effect on a few of the leaders, with many failing to make any further impact on the final day.

A morning spent basking in the sunshine at Brixham harbour prior to starting the competition at nearby Churston Golf Club seemed unreal given that the month of October had arrived, yet the opportunity for a late sun was not to be turned down.

Traditionally, the order of play on the final day has the leading four players playing together in the final group which,

as on many occasions in the past, proved too much for those involved.

Keith Davies and Bryan Owen and a few others all failed to cope with the pressure of the occasion and rapidly disappeared from the leaderboard, leaving those challenging from behind to make a late charge.

Disciplined behaviour over the duration of the tour by Coun Ray Thomas was rewarded when he finished in first place on the final day when scoring a very impressive 38 points to shoot up the leaderboard. Runner-up with 34 points was Chris Watson, followed by Tony McCarthy with 31

points; councillor Ray Thomas hit the longest drive on the selected hole.

The final result of the tournament was delayed until after the members had cheered Australia to victory over England in the Rugby World Cup and it seemed ironic that the only Englishman on tour, Chris Watson, having spent the preceding 80 minutes suffering in silence, should be announced the winner with 91 points.

Runner-up with 90 points was Coun Ray Thomas followed in third place by Julian Golunski with 89 and David Williams in fourth place with 88.

TMCC

Competitors revel in Margam Mini burn

THE Mini Burn returned to Margam Park bigger and better than ever last Saturday – even the autumn weather was good to us!

Nearly 50 teams crossed the line, with some travelling as far as Gloucester and even Dorset!

The youngest contestants were just seven years old, and there were a lot of them! It just goes to show that anyone can give the Mini Burn challenge a go.

A total of 22 competitors of all ages from Cowbridge entered this year's Mini Burn. When asked what he thought about the event, Bryan Marshall (38), commented: "The boys and I had a great day! This is our second Mini Burn, we can't wait for next year."

This year, we introduced slacklining to the orienteering phase to test the skill and balance of our Mini Burners, and just as we expected, they didn't fail to impress!

The climbing wall made an appearance once again, and although some of our younger contestants were a bit scared at the

prospect of having to scale so high in the air, not one of them backed down.

"It's a fantastic way of introducing young children to outdoor pursuits," Rich Wherlock, from Bristol, commented, with both him and seven year old Freddie crossing the line in just over two hours.

"We're happy to report that once again there were no crashes on the kayaking! We're always amazed at how quickly children pick up on these things, and watching some who had never done anything on the water have the time of their lives was so rewarding for us here at Burn Series." A Mini Burn record was broken on Saturday with the fastest team of the day, team Besam, completing the course in just one hour and 10 minutes! The most popular category once again were the Family Pairs (one under 10 years old and one adult).

"It was the best day ever!" Caian (9), from Llanelli, told his dad Osian on the way home. They're definitely coming back to the next event. Will you be joining us?

DANNI PAGE

CO-OPERATIVE EFFORT FOR TOWN RUGBY CLUB!



THE Co-operative food store in Cowbridge has handed over a pack of rugby balls to Cowbridge Rugby Club to help to encourage more young people to get involved in

The Co-op has teamed up with the club to provide the rugby balls, as part of its commitment to 'converting' more young people to lead a healthy and more active lifestyle in their community.

Jo Cairns, community champion at the store, said: "As a

community retailer we are committed to encouraging young people to lead healthier, more active lifestyles locally. We are pleased to have been able to support Cowbridge Rugby Club and the work it does in the community to create enthusiasm and interest in sport."

Goal-rush in league for Penarth Hockey Club

AFTER a 13-1 win to open the season, Penarth Hockey Club continued to bang in the goals in week two of the GoCrea8 Hockey League, with the Second XI joining the Firsts in high-scoring action.

LLANISHEN & CAERPHILLY 'A' 1 PENARTH 'A' 4

While the first XI continued its strong start to the season with a 6-4 away win over Lansdown in Gloucestershire, the second XI opened its 2015-16 league campaign against familiar opposition by travelling to Hawthorn to take on the stronger of two Llanishen & Caerphilly teams in De Cymru 2.

Wary of the threat posed by opponents who

began their league fixtures with a 6-2 win the previous weekend, Penarth began capably but gradually began to assert control via a measured passing game that flowed from back to front.

With Tom Parkinson providing support from right half and combining with Sam Chick and Dave Watkins, the visitors took advantage of an out-of-sorts Llan & Caer side to keep the play in their opponent's half, and were eventually rewarded when Dave Kidby found space to slot home at the far post.

Although the home side tried to respond, Penarth's new-look backline held firm, with goalkeeper Adam Putt having comparatively little to do as Nathan Townsend and James Davies bottled up the oncoming forwards. Frustrated by their

lack of penetration, Llan & Caer continued to come under pressure at the back, with Penarth doubling the visitors' lead in similar fashion to Kidby as he converted a Watkins cross to make it 2-0.

Two goals to the good at the break, Penarth had to guard against complacency, but started the second period strongly, again keeping the majority of possession and pressure in the Llan & Caer half before a penalty area melee rewarded the industrious Watkins with the third goal of the game.

With youngster Sam Salisbury making the most of his time on the pitch, Penarth were able to keep control of the game, with Mark Robinson controlling the midfield and finding outlets on the flank

through Chick and Will Roman.

Chick twice came close to adding to the lead as Davies fired long balls into the D from left half, but it was left to Craig Llewellyn to complete the visitors' scoring via a deflected penalty corner with 10 minutes remaining.

Determined not to go without leaving a mark, however, Llan & Caer pressed forward with greater effect in the closing minutes, eventually capitalising on Penarth's high defensive line by picking up a consolation goal on the break with just seconds left on the clock.

While the 4-1 victory wasn't enough to take Penarth to the top of the table, the Vale side lined up in a share of second spot on goal difference, only trailing teams with two games under their belts.

Goalscorers: Dave Kidby, Matt Birch, Dave Watkins, Craig Llewellyn.

This weekend, Penarth finally brings league action back to Stanwell school, with both the first and second XIs in action at the club's new home venue.

The senior side entertain fifth-placed Swansea City, while the 2nds follow on against Whitchurch D, the side with which they share second spot in their division.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact either player-coach Ben Croxall (b_croxall20@yahoo.co.uk) or club secretary Dave Stevens (d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

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Cowbridge under-10s face two opponents

FOLLOWING the recent tournament successes of Cowbridge under-10s, it was back to regular weekly fixtures.

This week we had both Whitchurch and Pentrych visiting us. We split our quad into two teams so both would play both visiting teams.

Team one was first up against Whitchurch, who started strongly scoring the first try against us.

We hit back straight away with Joe Funtek bursting through a tackle to cross the line. We retained the momentum and after concerted pressure, George Tuckley crossed again after a weaving run making the final score 2-1 to Cowbridge.

Team two then played Pentrych and again the visitors opened the scoring, but then it was all Cowbridge, with tries from Osian Bruce in the corner, Ned Rees, following a great run by Henry Davies, and a second for in-form Ned with a great run, breaking

through numerous tackles. Final score 3-1 to Cowbridge.

Team two then played their half against Whitchurch with Sam Sheppard driving over the line following great work by Ned.

Joe Davies then doubled the score with a fantastic run from our own half.

The third was scored following a great run by Will Brennan who came up just short of the line and offloaded superbly to Josh Canning to score.

Whitchurch then hit back with two quick tries of their own before the final whistle. Final score 3-2 to Cowbridge, making the combined score against Whitchurch 5-3.

Team one were last up to play their half against Pentrych. This was a much closer game with both sides giving it their all.

After a try from the visitors, Harry New scored in the final play of the day making it 1-1, and 4-2 as the combined score against Pentrych.

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Legends take on the Highlanders!



The Llantwit Legends and the Denver Highlanders.

On a lovely October day, Llantwit Major welcomed the Denver Highlanders from Colorado, USA to the 'Rec'.

A good crowd had gathered to watch this fixture and the sun shone for the game. For a fixture played by players mainly in their late 40s and early 50s for the Llantwit team, and one player who was in his 70s for the American visitors, it was, to their credit, played to a high standard of rugby.

The match started with Llantwit playing down the slope and Les Dixon, the Legends' captain, was leading the charge. At the first set piece, it was the Llantwit pack who exercised their power over the Denver Highlanders pack with a great drive; this was a terrific start by the Welsh forwards who kept this going for the whole of the game at scrum and lineout

time.

Smart rugby by both sides with forward dominance by the Legends at set piece and canny breaks with surprising speed and support from the Highlanders were the main things that stood out in this game.

One shock for Llantwit was the number of players the Denver squad had (34 in total) when it came to substitutions; it was something reminiscent of an American football game with changes for offence and defence.

Under the onslaught of continuous changes by the Highlanders, the fitness of the Legends team was starting to falter but they hung on for a great win (just!).

Referee Ian Buckland must be given a lot of credit to allow the flow of rugby throughout the match. In what was a close game the Legends won 36-31.

The fixture was well received by supporters of both

sides and a tribute to veteran's rugby.

So many players played well that it is difficult not to leave anyone out, so well done to all who played in this fixture.

In their speeches, John Davies and Will Norman thanked all players for their efforts representing the Llantwit Legends and were extremely proud of every one of them.

Thanks to Roger as linesman, Jamie Jenkins as first aid and bagman Mark.

All our appreciation went to the American visitors for their friendship, spirit and enthusiasm in what was a great game of rugby football.

Celebrations in the clubhouse continued with man of match presentations by Llantwit Major RFC president Jeff Evans to Simon Hill and Ron Clayfield for Llantwit Legends, and Chris and Mr Wormer for the Denver Highlanders.

Great food and beer were provided by Mazz, Neil and the management committee. Our gratitude to sponsor Richard John (Builders) for providing a commemorative Dragon that was presented to the Denver Highlanders team.

Trey, organiser of the Denver Highlanders team, responded with his gratitude and gave Llantwit similar mementoes and said at the end of the day there was only one winner - rugby.

Everyone stayed to watch the first XV and then the Rugby World Cup match between England and Australia.

After this game the Highlanders were cheered onto their coach to depart from the club and we wished them all a safe journey back to the USA.

Many friends were made, by a great bunch of people, in what was a memorable day for the Llantwit Major Rugby Club and Denver Highlanders - we look forward to seeing them in the future. WN



ABOVE: Action from the scrum, and BELOW: Reflecting on a hard-fought contest.



An ace – and a course record at St Athan GC



Steve Higgins.

GOLFER Steve Higgins is now a member of the 'Hole-In-One' club after scoring his ace with a 4 iron on the 176-yard 16th hole at St Athan Golf Club.

His playing partners, Pete Morgan and Eric Hallett, together with all of the other September monthly medal competitors, readily accepted the obligatory free drink from Steve before turning their attention to the main star of the day, Kieron Harman.

Kieron broke St Athan's course record in September 2013 when he shot a gross 67 on the



Kieron Harman.

6,554 yard parkland course and he had aspired ever since to outdo that performance.

Now, playing off +2, his mission has been accomplished. A scorecard returned showing 33 gross for both the front and back nine – a remarkable seven birdies, 10 pars and one bogey.

The 'target' figure has now been set and St Athan Golf Club members will warmly welcome any golfers wishing to join the club and take up the challenge of amending the record once again.

For information on membership, contact club manageress, Anita, on 01446 751043.

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ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee...

THIS weekend, October 10/11, Chepstow Racecourse are staging a first ever two-day festival and over the two days there will be £250,000 prize money on offer.

On Super Saturday the £50,000 Totepool Silver Trophy Handicap Hurdle will be the principal race of the day while on Family Sunday the £30,000 Totepool Persian War Novices' Hurdle will be the main event.

Persian War, trained by the late Colin Davies at Chepstow, won three Cheltenham Champion Hurdles in 1968, 1969 and 1970, as well as a Triumph Hurdle and a Welsh Champion Hurdle at Chepstow in 1969.

Meanwhile, at the recent Chepstow meeting, Debra Hamer who hails from the Vale but who now trains at Carmarthen, saw her five-year-old gelding ToBeFair land the Paul's Place Handicap Hurdle when scoring by a length from Ballyknock Lad.

Well ridden by Trevor Whelan, ToBeFair was winning for the third time in a row and Debra's husband Paul Hamer, a former Welsh champion point-to-point rider who comes from Coychurch, said: "We only had the horse in May from west Wales' Lucy Jones and he is owned by a syndicate of 16 people."

The opening Paul's Place Maiden Hurdle Race was won by Potters Corner, who is trained by Paul Morgan, who also has connections with the Vale but who now trains at Port Talbot.

Potters Corner, a five-year-old bay gelding, scored by two-and-a-quarter lengths from the fancied Tried And Tested.

Llancafan's Evan Williams' dual hurdles winner BattleCat might well have finished a lot closer to eventual winner My Nosy Rosy in the Paul's Place Handicap Steeplechase but for a mistake during the race.

However, the eight-year-old bay gelding had to settle for third place behind 13-year-old Maizy Missile which is trained by Evan's mother Mrs Mary Evans at Haverfordwest.

Bargoed's Bernard Llewellyn saddled two of the five runners in the Paul's Place Selling Hurdle and they finished first and second.

Fuzzy Logic, a six-year-old bay gelding ridden by Bernard's grandson Robert Williams, came home six lengths ahead of Tijori, a seven-year-old bay gelding which was ridden by Robert's brother Jordan Williams.

Winning Grand National trainer Nigel Twiston-Davies, who comes from Crickhowell and who trains at Cheltenham, took the Paul's Place Novices' Handicap Steeplechase with the top weighted Ballycan which beat another Cheltenham-trained horse Derrintogher Bliss, trained by Kim Bailey.

The Paul's Place Standard National Hunt Flat Race for conditional jockeys and amateur riders went to Fact Of The Matter who was ridden by Haverfordwest's Sean Bowen, son of leading Welsh trainer Peter Bowen, and who will now be joining the paid ranks.

BRIAN LEE

Llantwit Major junior rugby round-up

SUNDAY saw Llantwit Major under-10s travel to Pencoed for an away fixture.

done boys.

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An excellent turn out of players saw Tom Jones, Luca Howles, Thomas George, Braydan Griffiths, Joshua Campbell, Flynn Barry, Kian Barnett, Dylan Brown, Carwyn John, Lewys Ingram, Dafydd Morgan, Corey Cox, Marcus Hamner, Thomas Lamerton, Brandon Harris, Rhys Hoggarth, Tom Hamlett, Kelyn Joseph, and Owen Richards available.

The coaches decided before the match they would play two 15 minutes halves so all players got equal game time. The first team to play were Tom J, Luca, Thomas G, Braydan, Joshua, Flynn, Kian, Dylan, Carwyn and Lewys.

The boys played some good rugby - they were passing the ball between players and getting stuck in with the tackles. There was some good running as well as rucking, taking the score to Llantwit 0 Pencoed 1 at half-time.

The team for the second half were Dafydd, Corey, Marcus, Thomas L, Brandon, Rhys, Tom H, Kelyn, Owen and Carwyn.

The boys played some good rugby with some great defence and rucking; they used their rugby skills to play a good game. Final score was Llantwit 1, Pencoed 4, try scored by Brandon.

Flynn injured himself during this match resulting in a trip to A&E - he chipped two bones and is now in a cast. The team manager and all the coaches wish you a speedy recovery. Men of the matches were Luca and Owen, well

Llantwit Major under-8s took the short journey to Pencoed on Sunday morning with Pencoed and Llantwit both fielding two teams.

The first game involving the Llantwit Blacks was a great opening match with good tagging by both teams achieving back to back turnovers.

Llantwit were showing some good passing skills but unfortunately too many dropped passes resulted in Pencoed scoring from a number of mistakes.

There were some lovely tries from both sides and Llantwit benefited from scores by Bledwyn Mitchem, Theo Elsenberg, Dylan Godsell and Evan Boulton; Pencoed, though, outscored Llantwit 10-4.

The second game again saw excellent organisation and a willingness to move the ball around. Pencoed again showed they had the pace in their team to punish any Llantwit mistakes and again were too strong for the Llantwit team.

Scores from Bledwyn Mitchem and Theo Elsenberg kept Llantwit in the hunt but eventually Pencoed ran out 10-2 winners.

A great morning's rugby and it is great to see the hard work that the Llantwit players are putting in at the weekly training sessions is starting to appear on match days - well done.

Overall score Pencoed 20, Llantwit Major 6.

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TALENTED LOCAL ICE HOCKEY STAR BAYLEY SEEKS SPONSORSHIP

BAYLEY started to play ice hockey when he was just seven years old and now at the age of 12 has been playing for five years.

Bayley plays for the Cardiff Devils. During his playing career he has been selected for the South West region under-11 and 13 for the last four years and this month, after going through many trials, he has not only been selected for the England squad but has also been placed in the first team to compete in 'Quest for Quebec' in

Canada. Bayley's achievements in his short career have been quite overwhelming – he has shown dedication, passion and a will to succeed.

Bayley has achieved over a 100 goals in the under-12s and has remained in the top five scorers in the UK for the last four years with the under-12s and is now asked to play up in the under-15s on a regular basis.

Last year, he won the title of most valuable player, and for the past three years has won the 'All Stars' shirt in the South West Region for

under-11.

During his career, his coaches have found Bayley not only determined but also willing to learn and train hard, digesting everything that the coaches tell him. He has not only proved to be a prolific goalscorer but also a major playmaker within the team.

For a young age Bayley also demonstrates excellent motivational skills with his team mates.

In addition to his hockey career Bayley also plays football for both his school and Dinas Wolves under-12s and again, with both these teams, Bayley has proved to be a goalscorer and excellent midfield playmaker.

All this is critical to his hockey development as it helps keep Bayley at peak fitness for his age and also assists in his development as a team player – both necessary for his continual international hockey career.

Bayley's ambition is to make it into the NHL one day and while this may be his dream, his inclusion into the national England team has proved that, with a lot of hard work and coaching, he certainly has the basic groundwork behind him to achieve his goals.

His coaches have said that Bayley has the ability to become one of the best players in this country, and just maybe he will make the NHL.

He not only plays regularly for Cardiff Devils and the south west regional side all over the country, but he also attends regular training and coaching sessions with the England squad in Sheffield and Slough.

In addition, Bayley also has off-ice training with Max Birbrier, who is a professional ice hockey player, and he has identified Bayley's talent and is willing to work with him. Max has also



sent video footage to the NHL in Canada, who are now watching Bayley's progress with great interest.

We are looking for people to sponsor Bayley for this coming season to help finance his continuing quest to become a professional ice hockey player. As with any young sportsman who demonstrates the abilities to achieve the top level of their chosen sport, hard work, training and dedication is not enough.

They also require financial assistance to continue their progress as travel, accommodation and equipment become more expensive, as Bayley is away most weekends.

Should you decide to sponsor Bayley this season, your logo will be placed on his kit bag; we will also supply you with constant updates on his results and progress, together with photographs for your PR and marketing.

In addition to this, we will also supply copies of all media write-ups and videos; Bayley would also be available for any photo opportunities should you require.

We would also like to invite you to come along at any time to see him play.

Please contact Craig and Dina Harewood on 07811 165979 (Craig) or 07815 804246 (Dina).email: craigharewood7@gmail.com. Team England under-13 manager: Rory Gavin 46 Chiltern Road, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 1XA 07540 836633 englandu13@eiha.co.uk

Barry Chess Club round-up

THIS week there were two matches for the Barry Chess Club.

Our Division 4 team made the journey to the eastern side of Cardiff to play the Leptons; meanwhile our two Division 1 sides were to play one another.

The Bosons and the Camelots are both captained by our very own member of the Scottish gentry and landowner who recently received a Lairdship of somewhere, Ken Hannah.

This match gives the captain a difficult decision as to who to select for both teams. A wrong decision now could end up with the Bosons' title challenge failing or the Camelots losing their relegation battle.

In the end a strong team was chosen to represent the Bosons with the 'best of the rest' chosen as lambs to the slaughter. The only aim for the Camelots was not to suffer a whitewash.

The first game ended relatively early with a draw so the Camelots had maintained their record already. As the other results came in there were wins for the Bosons on boards 1, 2, and 3.

The final match between Dave Parsons and Martin Ricketts was progressing slowly. Somehow Martin had managed to keep his position solid.

Dave struggled to find a way through so eventually tried a combination attack, giving up his queen and both rooks for a queen, rook and both knights.

Still Dave couldn't find a way past Martin and with time dwindling away for both players offered a draw.

Some of the onlookers suggested Martin had an attack that would allow him to queen a pawn, to which Martin replied that he did not have enough time to plan that far ahead.

So the match ended with a 4-1 win for the Bosons. This maintained their position at the top of the league although only the alphabet separates the Barry side from the Bridgend Central and Caerphilly teams, who also recorded victories by the same margin; the Camelots remain in eighth place.

It was pleasing to note that with 15 players involved in both league matches, there were still a further six players playing friendlies and watching the proceedings.

The Gambits' match against the Leptons ended with a 4-1 victory for the Barry side. The only incident appears to have happened in our only losing game.

It seems that Stephen Bonotto had his opponent in check but instead of making a move out of check, his opponent captured a piece while remaining in check.

The illegal move wasn't spotted until after the match had finished so there was no means of earning reparation for the oversight; still I am sure as a team we would have accepted a win by such a margin at the beginning of the night.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

PHIL JONES

Chris lands Grasscutter!



The Grasscutters Cup commemorates Brynhill Golf Club's oldest continuing member, longest serving member, nonagenarian, and former greenkeeper, Mr. Fred Clissett.

Fred was unfortunately unable to attend on the day, to present his trophy to winner Chris Phillips, otherwise known as 'Sarge'; so Ron Holland, last year's winner, presented the cup for him. Chris achieved a terrific score of nett 68.

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Tristan Greedy would like to inform all of his customers that due to business expansion they have moved from the Heritage Business Park, Wick Rd, Llantwit Major to their new premises (next door to the Post Office sorting office), Llandow, Vale Business Park - and it's business as normal.

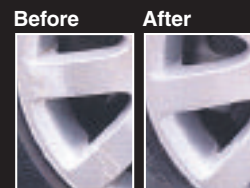
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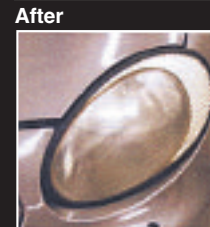
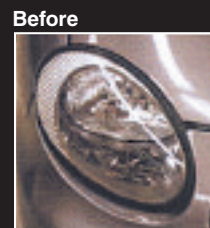
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DOUBLE TRIUMPH FOR COTTRELL PARK SENIORS!

64 four teams from all over south Wales entered this year's South Wales Seniors Classic, a knockout competition being held for the 12th time in aid of the South Wales Air Ambulance Service.

The South Wales Seniors Classic (SWSC) was established in 2004 with Max Boyce as its president and has raised £66,000 for the charity with a cheque for £7,000 being handed over at the finals presentation dinner held recently at The Grove Golf Club.

Earlier in the day the Cottrell Park team of Jon Owen & Edwin Yhap, George Duncanson & Alan Gregson and Eric Fortt & Steve Charlton defeated Haverfordwest 'B' two matches to one in the Bowl Competition final, sweet revenge since Haverfordwest 'A' had beaten Cottrell 2-1 on their course in the preliminary round of the competition after which the 32 winners contest the SWSC Cup and the 32 losers the SWSC Bowl.

The Cottrell Park squad, which also included Ben Davies, Bruce Rankine, Gareth Gambing, Ray Reakes and Steve Cross (all of whom played at some point in the lead up to the



Cottrell Park seniors team.

final), beat in round one Alice Springs 'B', in round two Pontypridd 'A', in the quarter-final Alice Springs 'B' and in the semi-final Llanishen 'B'.

Incidentally, Llanishen 'A' made it a Cardiff double when they defeated Glyn Hir to take the SWSC Cup final.

THE WOODLAKE PARK CHALLENGE
Some years ago Woodlake Park Golf Club Seniors Society thought it would round off the season nicely if they brought together all the teams on their social match fixture list and thus was established 'The Challenge'.

The nine teams, each with eight players, were Cottrell Park, Woodlake Park, Wenvoe Castle, Alice Springs, Morlais Castle, Raglan Parc, The Herefordshire, Forest of Dean and South Herefordshire, who play individual stableford with the best six scores in

each team to count.

The event was hosted this year by Alice Springs, not an easy course, and on the day the course won!

Of the 72 cards posted only seven were 30 points or better and three of those were Cottrell Park - Steve Cross 30, David Stephenson 32 and Gregor Munro 33.

With a team total of 175 the trophy was won by Cottrell Park, with David Stephenson taking third place and Gregor Munro declared the winner after countback; other Cottrell Park team members included Bill Aspinall, Ben Davies, Les Fair, John Lloyd and Chris Stanlake.

GOS

Impressive performances from Barry Athletic teams

BARRY ATHLETIC 5, SP CONSTRUCTION 0

The first team were playing their first game at the Athletic Ground this season and hoping to keep the good recent league form going, which had seen three wins from the last four games.

New signing Jake Oaten went straight into the team and made his intentions clear after only 45 seconds when a long ball was expertly flicked on by T.Caton, allowing Oaten to calmly flick the ball over the oncoming defender's head then into the keeper to make it 1-0.

It was 2-0 not long after when great pressing

work from Leach in midfield pushed the defender into a mistake with T.Caton making no mistake from 20 yards, placing the ball into the bottom corner.

Either side of the Athletic goals, Davies in the home goal was called upon twice making superb one on one saves from the SP striker. The score at half-time was 2-0 to the Athletic.

The Athletic, playing their free flowing attacking football at every opportunity, took the game to the away side in the opening 15 minutes of the second half.

N.Gratton was then called upon defensively, making a fantastic

clearance off the line to keep the score at 2-0.

He went from hero at one end to hero at the other, his 25 yard free kick fizzing into the top corner!

The changes were then made with Stradling, B.Jones and L.Jones coming off the bench and it was Stradling who bagged the fourth goal following up from good play by T.Caton and J.Oaten down the right.

The scoring was completed by T.Caton, delightfully finishing from 20 yards first time into the bottom corner past the stranded keeper.

Our thanks go to SP for a highly competitive and fair game and wish them all the best for the season.

Division 2 - Cadroxton Imps 2, Barry Athletic 2
This top of the table clash lived up to expectations and delivered end to end entertainment for the crowd at the Butts Field.

The Imps started the brightest - they turned up to play football and showed they were second in the table for a reason.

The Athletic players struggled to get involved in the game and it was Imps who took the lead on 20 minutes.

A defensive mix up was the cause for another

Imps goal a short while later seeing the Athletic going in at half-time 2-0 down.

Athletic manager, Jeff Howells, kept his team calm at the break and reassured them that their time would come.

The Athletic came back onto the pitch like a different team.

With mounting pressure on the Imps defence, Danny Morgan met a cross with a stunning volley that nestled into the top corner and the Athletic were back in the game.

With Jordan Williams now winning the midfield battle, the Athletic were soon level after the referee awarded a penalty for a push in the back from an Imps defender.

Ben Pearce calmly stroked the ball home to make it 2-2.

With Billy Gratton now causing chaos amongst the tired Imps defence, he was unlucky not to get a winner after a fine save from the Imps keeper.

This coming Saturday the Athletic Ground hosts a local derby with neighbours Island Marine.

The clubhouse will be showing the Wales rugby game at 4.45pm, all welcome.

DG

MARINER IMPRESS IN WIN

FOLLOWING two previous victories, the Master Mariner went into this tough clash against Penarth Town full of confidence.

After a nervous first 15 minutes the Mariner took control of the game, with some quality football being played on both sides.

Chances were few and far between, which saw both teams tied 0-0 at half-time.

A formation change at half-time saw the Mariner come out with a more attacking formation, playing most of the football in the Penarth half.

Shane Campbell stood out in

the midfield alongside Rob Ceriani, Liam Middleton and Mitchel Dite; and a solid defensive performance from Mark Kingdon, Graham Sumsion, Sam Lewis and Scott Thomas enabled forwards Jordan Yeoman and Brett Humphreys to run the Penarth defence ragged, resulting in an early second half goal from Yeoman.

With 20 minutes to go Dite was substituted for Lloyd Adams to enable Mariner to push for a last minute attack, ending in a second goal for Yeoman.

It took man of the match goalkeeper Dave Stringer to pull off a number of fantastic saves throughout the game, enabling the

Mariner to keep their first clean sheet of the season.

The club would like to thank all the loyal supporters for their support every week. First Choice Commissioning for sponsoring the kit and team balls and Trevor of the Master Mariner for providing the after game refreshments.

Master Mariner: Dave Stringer, Scott Thomas, Graham Sumsion, Sam Lewis, Mark Kingdon, Liam Middleton, Shane Campbell, Rob Ceriani, Mitchel Dite, Brett Humphreys, Jordan Yeoman, Lloyd Adams, Barrie Stait, Scott Nielson, Jake Whindle, Jamie Everitt.

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DIFFICULT JOURNEY WORTHWHILE FOR COWBRIDGE RFC...

LAST Saturday, Cowbridge first XV travelled away to Glyncoch, and although the pitch proved hard to find, the journey was worthwhile, with Cowbridge securing a win by 14-47.

The first try was within minutes as captain and outside half Huw Lougher made a breakthrough the middle and scrum half Richie Howson was on hand to take the pass and cross for a try that full back Alex Guard converted.

Shortly after that, good build play saw No 8 Dan Holder receive a popped pass and burst through two defenders to score.

Glyncoch responded with a kick across field that couldn't have bounced better into the hands of their right wing, who passed inside to the centre for a converted try.

At the mid-point, Guard added a penalty and then from the drop kick restart a break-out swept upfield, and when the ball was recycled, centre Will Williams crossed the whitewash.

Minutes later, as Cowbridge tried to repeat that, the ball was dropped and Glyncoch's full back picked up and scampered away for their second converted try. Just before half-time, Guard added a further penalty to make it 14-23.

There was some concern at half-time that two players still hadn't shown up.

Into the second half and Geraint Thomas came on. Five minutes in and flanker Rhod Walker ripped the ball from a maul and the play again moved upfield but Dan Holder was denied his second try just a couple of metres short.

Three minutes later a kick upfield was gathered by Guard, who released the ball to wing Duncan Evans who rounded two defenders and ran through two more near the line to round off a superb 55 metre effort.

On 11 minutes Glyncoch's flanker was sent off for stamping. At the mid-point, what started with flanker Connor Wyatt making yards just on halfway ended with a final pass by hardworking forward Kieran David offloading to wing Tom Larkin to score a try that Guard did very well to convert from wide

out.

Just minutes later the ball was worked to centre Ashford Thomas who just delayed his pass for a second or two and the gap opened and he went through to score from 45 metres; Guard added the extras.

In fairness, Glyncoch's outside half was a constant threat but the last score went to Cowbridge.

From a scrum Holder picked up and passed to centre Williams who made good ground before passing to wing Luke James, on for Evans, to score.

Guard's conversion hit the post for a final score of 14-47.

A good performance with the backs scoring some excellent tries and the forwards sticking their task.

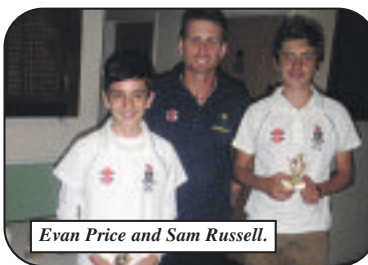
The latest news is that the two missing players have now been accepted into the community at Ynysybwl and are doing well!

This Saturday Cowbridge have a clash against top of the table Cefn Coed at home. All support would be most welcome, kick off 1.30pm.

The youth BA are due to pay St.Peters away with the BF team at home against Barry.

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Cricket club's junior presentation evening



Evan Price and Sam Russell.



Mark Wallace and Robbie Brown.



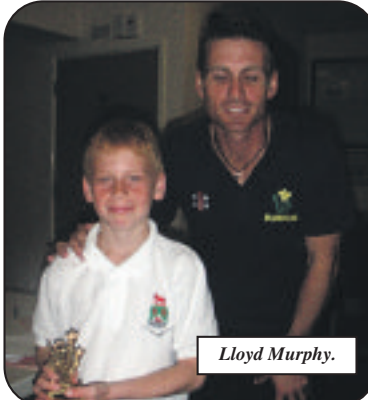
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Mark Wallace and Sian Russell.



Heath Webb.



Lloyd Murphy.

ON a fine Friday evening, the Cowbridge Cricket Club held its junior presentation evening at the Athletic Ground.

Early arrivals watched a 10 over game of cricket between a mixture of our under-15s, 13s and 11s players. The game went to the final ball in an exciting finish.

The under-10s and under-9s were entertained by Rian Thomas and Joe Russell in a welly throwing competition. All players and parents were able to enjoy the BBQ food provided by Jonny Tudor.

Hugh Williams, chairman of the club, conducted the formal part of the evening ably assisted by Sarah Russell, the junior co-ordinator. Guest of honour Mark Wallace, the long-serving Glamorgan professional wicket keeper, was introduced to help with the presentations.

His first duty was to present Welsh international caps to three recipients - Sian

Russell (under-13s), Alice Phillips (under-11s) and Robbie Brown (under-11s). Following on from these, the coaches of the various age groups gave a brief account of their season before awarding two of their squad members awards of player of the year and the most improved awards, which went to the following:

Under-15s Sam Russell and Evan Price; under-13s Heath Webb and Mishenka Rajapakse; under-11s Harry Treharne and Will Harris; under-11 Bulls Finian Orders and Wil Fishlock; under-9s Finley Hart and Lloyd Murphy.

In closing the evening Hugh thanked all the players and their parents for their support and look forward to the winter nets in February, and the start of a new season.

He also congratulated the first XI on their promotion to the first division of the West Wales League while the second XI consolidated their position in division 5.

HW

Penllyn Bridge Club results

THURSDAY, September 3 (19 pairs): 1st Jo Isley & John Lord 67.19%, 2nd Viv Roberts & Colin Easterbrook 65.94%, 3rd Helen & Mike Ruttle 56.88%.

Thursday, September 10 (18 pairs): 1st Helen & Mike Ruttle 61.08%, 2nd Cath Domican & John Hunter 59.38%, joint 3rd Barbara Easterbrook & Marian East and Brian Tucker & Mike Baron 56.53%.

Thursday, September 17 (18 pairs): 1st Keith Price & Allan Evans 61.08%, 2nd Judith & Colin Nunn 60.08%, 3rd Jo Isley & John Lord 58.81%.

Thursday, September 24 (19 pairs, Robert Brown Cup): 1st Lou & Phil Edwards 58.24%, 2nd Keith Price & Allan Evans 55.63%, 3rd Mary Wallis & Wayne Stephens 55.11%.

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The year 10 rugby team.

Impressive first game sees students win comfortably

COWBRIDGE Comprehensive School's Year 10 rugby team played a home match against Stanwell, and with it being the first game of the season, both teams were determined to get off to a winning start.

Both teams were a little rusty, but settled down after the first five minutes. After an excellent turnover from Ben Jones, Reuben Williams cut through the defence and offloaded the ball to Mike Bosley to advance up the field.

A small gap had opened on the wing, which only a few players in the Vale would have been quick enough to go down, but luckily for Cowbridge, George Cuddihy was up to the task.

He took the ball from Michael Bosley, and burst down the wing to score the first try of the game. The try was converted by Ioan Williams, who later went on to kick two more.

The next try came about through some superb passing skills from the back line. The ball was passed through each pair of the backs hands, where it finally made it way to Sam Green who sprinted in for the second try of the match.

The third try came just after the second, with Jack Dixon using his power and pace to great effect, and stroll in for a try.

The second half was fast approaching, but this was not before Cowbridge snuck in for another try. Again, Sam Green, keen to get his hands on the ball, outpaced the Stanwell defence to make the score 24-0 at half-time.

The Stanwell side were not out yet, and with their strong centres crashing into the defence and always making yards, they continued to seek a try of their own. They did not have to wait long, when their wing ran down the line to score in the corner for a well-deserved try.

The deficit was increased back to 24 points not long after, when Reuben Williams

battered his way through a number of tackles, to score an outstanding individual try.

Logan Roach used this as inspiration, and when he collected the ball under his own sticks, he only had one thing on his mind! With his twinkle toes working overtime, Logan danced his way around several defenders and made his journey to the other end of the field and dived into the corner to score the try of the match.

The game was at a standstill for around 10 minutes, with neither attack being able to cause significant damage.

This is where leaders are needed and Reuben Williams answered the call. To round off the game in style, Reuben scored a quick fire hat-trick to take his tally to four tries.

The game finished 51-5 in favour of Cowbridge, but a big well done has to go to Stanwell for their continued determination and excellent attitude throughout the game.

Well done Year 10, keep on attending training and working

hard, as games will be coming thick and fast and we need to put the building blocks in place for next year's Welsh Cup!

A huge congratulations have to go out to Corley Doster and Jean Lou Picot for playing their first ever game of rugby for the school.

The Cowbridge Rugby Academy entertained Bridgend College in the first round of fixtures in the National WRU College League Cup competition, with Cowbridge taking the spoils with a 40-8 victory.

There were some notable performances from Harry Dobbis, Eddies Drake, Owain Thomas-Jenkins and Owain Ellis, the latter coming off in the second half with a fractured thumb!

With several Year 12 boys selected for this tough physical encounter, it was really pleasing to see Cai Evans play yet another vital role in the victory with a 100 per cent kicking record.

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WALES' RUGBY WORLD CUP CHALLENGE IS ON

IT'S THREE DOWN, ONE TO GO



Out of the 'pool of death' and into the quarter finals

Now injury-hit team must fight Oz for the No.1 spot!



BACK PAGE COMMENT by Don John



Gareth Davies goes over at the posts for his fourth try of the tournament.

ABOVE: Fijians pile on the power up front – but after seeing what the Australian pack did to England, Wales know more is to come on Saturday.

LEFT: Matthew Morgan made an attacking impact at full back.

AS TV's bemused Victor Meldrew might have said after England's collapse to a shock 13-33 defeat at the hands of rampant Australia – and an embarrassing early exit from the Rugby World Cup at a stunned Twickenham stadium on Saturday – “I don't believe it!”

The fall-out from the humiliating pool A eliminator that has given one of the bookies' favourites for the Webb Ellis trophy an unwelcome entry in the record books, as the first host country to fail at the group stage of the global tournament, has been vitriolic.

Predictably, it has been led by the notoriously-fickle London-based media, which for weeks had hyped up the country's prospects, with headlines such as ... ‘A team to put England back on the World Cup map’ ... and ‘England have picked an exciting team to revive the hopes of a nation’.

Now the contrasting headlines read ... ‘Catastrophe for the nation’ ... and ‘Doomsday scenario has come to pass’ ... with predictable, Alice-in-Wonderland calls of – ‘off with their heads!’ – and the accusing finger of blame pointed at the hapless head coach and captain, who have both felt the need to publicly apologise for a “national disaster” of world war three proportions!

None of this, of course, will concern a Welsh team that despite a crippling injury list, has managed to survive the so-called ‘group of death’ and join Australia in the quarter finals – thanks to Saturday's result and the 23-13 victory over the dangerous Fijians at the Millennium Stadium two evenings before.

At the end of that match in Cardiff, there was an almost palpable, collective sigh of relief from the 71,000-plus supporters as they dispersed into the darkening night air of the Welsh capital, with one question on their lips – would that hard-fought win be enough?

All eyes were on Twickenham, where their arch rival was locked in a desperate struggle for survival in RWC 2015 – after being stung by the 28-25 home defeat to a badly-weakened Wales side the week before.

Victory for the men in white, who are expected to amass a points blitz against pool A minnows Uruguay in their final game, would have meant Wales – despite their three wins – needing to overcome Australia to ensure further progress in the tournament.

That scenario may well have played on players' minds, for despite the Welsh camp's insistence that they were focused simply on getting a win against Fiji, there was a clear impression early on that there was added pressure for an emphatic victory (preferably, with a bonus point) should final placings in the pool come down to points difference between the top sides.

To the Welsh players' credit, there was not the customary slow start while they felt their way into the game, but real attacking intent from the outset – sparked by diminutive Matthew Morgan, who made an eye-catching impact with incisive running from full back, after being recalled, along with the other Morgan – talented young Dragons' centre Tyler – to plug the stricken squad's injury gaps.

One searing run by the fullback and a slick offload to George North, took Wales deep into enemy territory and sustained Welsh forward pressure eventually culminated in a typical, darting try near the posts by scrum half Gareth Davies (who has scored in all three World Cup games thus far).

It was easily converted by outside-half Dan Biggar, but that early lead was reduced within minutes when ominous problems again surfaced at the first of the nine worrying scrums that coloured the entire match and came perilously near to wrecking the Welsh game plan – and threatening their World Cup hopes.

It was clear that the Fijians, who even in defeat had given both England and Australia a tough test, had clearly targeted the home team as a World Cup scalp there for the taking (after all, they had managed it once before in 2007) and, in particular, the denuded Welsh front row, which had repeatedly fallen foul of the referee at Twickenham.

This saw a succession of whistle blasts, even on the Welsh put-in at the scrum and Fiji narrowed the gap with a penalty, but missed with a second attempt, Biggar extending the Welsh

lead to 10-3, when it was the Islanders' turn to be penalised directly in front of their posts.

After Wales had a try disallowed, hooker Scott Baldwin crashed over, the reliable Biggar converting from the left touchline, but another Fijian penalty narrowed the first half score to 17-6.

Within minutes of the change-over, forward dominance again told when Fiji were awarded yet another penalty, which fortunately for the home team, they failed to convert, but then alarm bells truly rang when a well-worked converted try brought Fiji to within four points of Wales' total at 17-13.

It saw the none-too-soon arrival of Welsh substitutes, including tight-head Samson Lee and also flanker Justin Tipuric, and Biggar widened the gap to 10 points when the over-eager Fijians conceded two more penalties – to make the score 23-13.

By now, the Welsh team's Herculean efforts at Twickenham were clearly taking a toll on tired bodies, but the defence that had performed so heroically against the English again held firm as the Fijians threatened yet again.

In fact, though, it was Wales on the attack as the minutes ticked away – with a try ruled out by the TMO – and Alex Cuthbert jostled into touch yards from the line as the final whistle blew.

Now Welsh eyes again turn to Twickenham this weekend, where Warren Gatland's troops need to overcome England's mighty impressive conquerors if they are to achieve a more favourable quarter final draw.

This all depends on whether the Welsh walking wounded have fully recovered, particularly in the front five, hence the keen interest in the team being announced on Thursday.

One thing is for sure, the born-again Wallaby scrum which put the English pack to the sword, will be a major concern for the Welsh camp, given their own front row problems throughout the tournament so far.

It's going to be an even greater test of the courage and commitment this squad has shown under fire throughout this RWC campaign – but they have already proved that anything is possible!

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